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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7938**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1582**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 1999**  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Inmate correspondence.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows the Department of Correction to read, censor, copy, or otherwise interfere with correspondence sent to or from an inmate if: (1) the inmate has been convicted of a crime that involved the use of correspondence to engage in an illegal activity or the inmate has been found guilty after a hearing conducted by the department of using correspondence to commit misconduct; or (2) the Department receives a written request from a federal or state law enforcement agency to monitor the inmate's correspondence. It also specifies that the Department does not have to notify the inmate that it is monitoring the inmate's correspondence if the monitoring is done at the written request of a federal or state law enforcement agency.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**