

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 146**

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TO: The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairperson, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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SUBJECT: Merger of the Departments of Corrections and Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 146 amends Chapter 21, Title 24 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by transferring all the functions, powers, duties, responsibilities and authority statutorily of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections will create the Division of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. The Bill also adds Chapter 2 to Title 24 which would change the name of the newly merged agency from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Community and Institutional Corrections.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Corrections

The Department indicates that this legislation would create a savings to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$2,859,564 over a three year period. In September of 2011, the Governor delegated the task to the Dept. of Corrections and the Dept. of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services of creating a tasks force to look at and plan a merger of the two agencies. The task force, comprised of 3 members of each agency provided a report to the Governor which stated that the merger would produce a net savings of \$104,909 in the first year of the merger, \$854,524 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and \$1,900,131 in year 3. The projected savings over the 3-year period would be \$2,859,564. The assumption was made that the overlap on personal service cost would be addressed only through normal attrition.

The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

The Department indicates that this legislation would create a savings to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$2,016,435 (\$2,731,435 in recurring savings and \$715,000 one time savings) over a three year period due to the changes in this Bill that were not in previous legislation. The difference in savings stems from the requirement of an autonomous Director of Parole and Pardons and staff that currently do not exist within the budget of the agency. The personal service/employer contribution costs for would be \$766,659 for 14.00 FTE and \$76,470 in other operating costs. The total increase cost of \$843,129 is what brings the overall projected savings of this Bill to \$2,016,435 over the three-year period.

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