



Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

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The Honorable William Boddie State Representative 607-H Coverdell Legislative Office Building Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note House Bill (LC 48 0443)

Dear Representative Boddie:

The bill would require the Department of Driver Services (DDS) to coordinate with the Department of Corrections (GDC) and other jailers to issue a state identification card to any resident of Georgia who lacks such an identification card after the completion of any jail or prison term. GDC and other jailers are directed to provide DDS the required documentation for any person incarcerated for more than six months. The bill would also direct GDC and other jailers to assist the person in making requests for official copies of any such required documentation.

DDS does not expect any significant costs associated with the bill. The department indicated that it already fulfills the described requirements through current processes.

GDC also indicated that it anticipates no financial impact. The department stated that it already coordinates with DDS to provide the services described in the bill. The current process began in FY17 and ensures that every eligible offender receives a DDS Driver's License or State ID upon release as part of the Re-Entry process. To date, it has issued 32,229 DDS cards to eligible inmates.

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