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Honorable Rebecca Mitchell
State Representative
611-C Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill (LC 48 0638)

Dear Representative Mitchell:

The bill would require the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to monitor and record all labor performed by each incarcerated individual in the state. This would include monitoring goods produced by incarcerated individuals, as well as any paid or unpaid labor. Explicit examples of unpaid labor mentioned in the bill include on-the-job training, labor provided to state correctional industries, and labor provided via a prison industry enhancement certification program. All correctional facilities would be required to file an annual report with GDC by August 1 of each year, and GDC would complete a trend report.

GDC does not currently track labor performed or goods produced by incarcerated individuals, either in GDC facilities or local facilities. GDC indicated the need for \$416,730 in state funding to pay four database administrators who would perform the data collection and reporting required by the bill. Each would be paid \$60,433 with fringe benefits of \$41,163. In addition, GDC estimated that necessary supplies would cost of \$10,344 annually.

Respectfully,

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Kelly Farr, Director
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