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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	SJC	DATE TYPED	2-16-04	HB	
SHORT TITI	LE _	Public Peace, Health, Safety & Welfare		SB	591/SJCS
			ANAL	ANST	Reynolds-Forte

## **APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$12,014.8			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

## SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for Amendment/SB 591 appropriates \$12 million from the General Fund to the Corrections Department. \$11 million is for salary and benefit increases for correctional officers, and \$972 thousand is for salary and benefit increases for probation and parole officers and supervisors.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$12 million to the Corrections Department for salary and benefit increases for correctional officers and probation and parole officers and supervisors. This would be a recurring appropriation. Unexpended balances at the end of FY05 would revert to the General Fund.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Correctional officers were provided substantial salary and benefit increases in recent years which brought starting salary from \$8.50 per hour to \$11.50. Correctional officers were provided 20 year retirement in the last legislative session.

The Corrections Department has testified they are experiencing large turnover rates with probation and parole officers and supervisors.

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Is the Corrections Department having problems recruiting correctional officers?

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