

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2212

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2212 would increase the reimbursement limit for inmate claims paid by the Secretary of Corrections (Secretary) from \$500 to \$750. For claims exceeding \$750, the bill would require an inmate to provide notice to the Secretary of the nature, time, date, and place of the claim. Failure to provide such notice would not prevent the claim from being considered by the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State (Joint Committee).

[*Note:* Currently, inmates with claims against the Department of Corrections or a specific correctional facility for up to \$500 must first be denied reimbursement by the Secretary before filing their claim with the Joint Committee for consideration. Inmates with claims against a correctional facility for more than \$500 can file their claim directly with the Joint Committee for consideration.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Humphries.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Humphries, who stated the

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bill was suggested by the Joint Committee. The proponent stated the bill would clarify notice requirements for inmates filing a claim and avoid delays in considering claims over the reimbursement limit, provided the notice process is followed by the claimant.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Corrections (Department) indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. According to the Department, increasing the reimbursement cap could increase the number of claims settled directly by the agency, but would not affect the overall number of claims filed or paid.

Department of Corrections; Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State; reimbursement; inmate