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Senate Bill 331 (as introduced 2-18-99)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Jaye
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Department of Corrections (DOC) law to prohibit a prisoner housed in a State correctional facility from undergoing nonemergency, elective surgery of any kind.

In addition, the DOC law allows the Director of the Department to extend the limits of confinement of a prisoner, under prescribed conditions, when there is reasonable assurance after consideration of all facts and circumstances, that the prisoner will not become a menace to society or to the public safety. One of the conditions under which an extension of the limits of confinement may be allowed is to obtain medical services not otherwise available to a prisoner in a State correctional facility. The bill specifies, however, that this provision would not allow a prisoner to obtain nonemergency, elective surgery.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 331 would have a minimal fiscal impact on State government.

According to Department of Corrections' policy, prisoners are not allowed access to nonemergency, elective surgery, unless it is determined to be medically necessary. To the extent that prisoners have received medically necessary nonemergency, elective surgery, costs for the Department could decrease, assuming that a prisoner would not need additional assistance or care as a result of not receiving the procedure.

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