

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1001</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Echols</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No cost to state.</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 1001 authorizes the Investigations Division of the Department of Corrections to issue arrest warrants for escaped prisoners.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Upon review of this measure it is determined SB1001 will not affect state revenue.

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**Other Considerations**

According to officials with the Department of Corrections, “This bill gives DOC the authority to issue warrants for escaped inmates.

Under current statute when it is deemed that an inmate has escaped or walked away from a corrections institution the Office of the Inspector General will enter a temporary arrest notification in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) index. This notification, without a warrant from the district attorney, will expire after 48 hours.

Once a valid warrant is received by the district attorney the Inspector General staff will enter the escapee in the permanent NCIC “Wanted” file.

DOC has encountered situations when our Inspector General staff is unable to obtain a warrant from the district attorney prior to the temporary warrant expiring in NCIC. This creates a situation where law enforcement can make contact with an escapee and not know that they are on escape status.”