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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0987-01
Bill No.: HB 344
Subject: Department of Corrections; Probation and Parole; Prisons and Jails
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal authorizes the early parole of certain offenders over the age of 65.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	\$30,433	\$44,700	\$53,194
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$30,433	\$44,700	\$53,194

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state this bill authorizes the early parole of certain offenders over the age of 65.

After 10 years the DOC will have 28 fewer offenders in prison and 10 more on parole. As a comparison, it is useful to note that five female offenders serving life without parole for Murder 1st degree have been paroled under section 217.690 since 2010. The application of this bill is much broader than 217.690 and it is reasonable to assume a larger impact on a population that is 65 or over.

DOC assumes this legislation will result in long term cost avoidance. Potential cost avoidance as would vary according to the population affected by this legislation. The DOC cost of incarceration is \$16.725 per day or an annual amount of \$6,352 per offender.

DOC assumes a cost avoidance of \$30,433 in FY 2016 based on 10 persons on probation instead of in prison, \$44,700 in FY 2017 based on 12, \$53,194 in FY 2018 based on 14, and \$174,890 in FY 2025 based on 28 persons.

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal will not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Savings</u> - Department of Corrections - from reduced incarceration expense for offenders that meet the criteria in the proposal and are released	<u>\$30,433</u>	<u>\$44,700</u>	<u>\$53,194</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$30,433</u>	<u>\$44,700</u>	<u>\$53,194</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2016
(10 Mo.)

FY 2017

FY 2018

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires any incarcerated offender 65 years of age or older who has no prior felony convictions of a violent nature and is serving a sentence of life without parole for a minimum of 50 years or more to receive a parole hearing upon serving 25 years or more of his or her sentence. The Board of Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections must determine whether there is a reasonable probability that the offender will live and remain at liberty without violation of law upon release and is eligible for release based upon a finding that the offender meets specified criteria. Any offender who is not granted parole under these provisions must be eligible for reconsideration every two years until a presumptive release date is established.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Attorney General's Office
Department of Mental Health



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