



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 111** HLS 26RS 483
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Subject: Diminution of Sentence for Earning an Associate's Degree	

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING OR DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree

Current law provides that offenders who are eligible to earn a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited and department-approved educational institution while incarcerated shall be eligible to earn an additional 90 days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date. Proposed law adds an associate's degree as a qualifying degree that makes an inmate eligible to earn an additional 90 days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that an additional class of offenders who earn an associate's degree from a regionally accredited and a department-approved educational institution while incarcerated are eligible to earn an additional ninety days of credit toward the reduction of the projected good time parole supervision date. The exact fiscal impact of the proposed law to the DPS&C-CS is unknown, as it is unknown the number of offenders currently incarcerated who will be released with credits toward the diminution of their respective sentences solely due to attaining an associate's degree.

For each day of credit earned toward the diminution of an inmate's sentence, the DPS&C-CS will reduce expenditures (generate savings) of \$107.60 for those housed in a state facility. For those inmates housed in a local facility, DPS&C-CS will reduce expenditures (generate savings) of \$29.39 per offender per day.

For informational purposes, DPS&C-CS reports that over the last three years, there has been an annual average of 24 inmates released who earned credits toward the diminution of their sentences as a result of earning a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited and department-approved educational institution.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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