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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 196** HLS 14RS 983
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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CORRECTIONS

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Provides with respect to work release eligibility for habitual offenders

Present law provides for the establishment of a work release program within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Provides that any inmate who has been convicted of forcible rape, aggravated arson, armed robbery, attempted murder, or attempted armed robbery, and persons sentenced as habitual offenders shall be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last six month of their terms.

Proposed law retains present law except it allows habitual offenders to be eligible to participate in a work release program during the last 12 months of their terms if the offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of DPS&C.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation could result in a potential savings in state general fund expenditures to the Department of Corrections (DOC). The proposed legislation extends by six months eligibility for any habitual offenders. The exact fiscal impact would vary dependent upon the number of habitual offenders eligible, the number of habitual offenders screened/approved, and whether or not those approved would participate in a contract (\$11.25 per day, per offender) or non-contract (\$15.39 per day, per offender) Transitional Work Program (Work Release). Therefore, to the extent an offender is stationed in a contract transitional work program, the state would realize a savings of \$2,398 per offender for those additional 6 months (\$24.39 per offender housed at the local level less \$11.25 per day, per offender in contract TWP x 365/2). To the extent an offender is stationed in a non-contract transitional work program, the state would realize a savings of \$1,643 per offender for those additional 6 months (\$24.39 per offender housed at the local level less \$15.39 per day, per offender in contract TWP x 365/2) .

Savings are more likely to be incurred for offenders housed at the local level due to state facilities backfilling beds in a more timely manner. Any savings may also be reduced by recidivism.

According to the DOC, there would be approximately 426 offenders eligible throughout 2015 (using the next full calendar year) using the new 12 month eligibility window for participation within the DOC work release programs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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