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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 523** HLS 26RS 962

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Dept./Agy.: Corrections | | Analyst: Daniel Druilhet |
| Subject: Parole Eligibility for Certain Offenders | | |

PARDON/PAROLE OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX
Provides relative to parole eligibility for certain individuals

Current law provides for parole eligibility. Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and exceptions existing in current law regarding parole ineligibility, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of second degree murder shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met - the person was at least 17 years of age and under the age of 25 years at the time of the commission of the offense, the conviction for second degree murder is his first and only felony conviction, and he has served at least 30 years of the sentence imposed; provides that it shall not apply to a person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for first degree murder, a person convicted of a sex offense, or a person convicted of any criminal offense that involves a victim under the age of 13; provides that it shall be known and cited as the "Hope for Redemption Act".

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | 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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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that an additional class of offenders is added to the list of offenders eligible for parole consideration and are released subject to parole supervision. The proposed law has the effect of adding a class of offenders to the list of offenders eligible for parole consideration. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, because it is unknown how many persons within the class of eligible offenders will be granted an earlier release and serve a reduced sentence due to the enactment of the proposed law.

Any offender serving less time in custody of DPS&C-CS will decrease SGF expenditures by \$107.60 per offender per day if housed in a state facility or \$29.39 per offender per day if housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the DPS&C-CS and granted parole release will decrease expenditures by \$39,724 annually (\$107.60 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$10,727 annually (\$29.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility.

The LFO is working with DPS&C-CS to determine how many offenders currently incarcerated with DPS&C-CS would be included within the class of offenders impacted by the proposed law, and this information will be updated as it becomes available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Self-Generated Revenue to DPS&C - Probation and Parole to the extent any inmate included within the impacted class of offenders is released on parole supervision as a result of enactment of the proposed legislation. The exact impact to Self-Generated revenue is indeterminable, because it is unknown how many persons within the class of eligible offenders will be granted an earlier release and be subject to parole supervision due to the enactment of the proposed law. The current daily parole supervision rate for adult offenders is \$6.67 per day, which would result in an annual increase of \$2,434 SGR (\$6.67 x 365) in parole supervision.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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