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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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PAROLE
Provides for parole eligibility

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Current law provides for parole eligibility. Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person serving a life sentence of imprisonment shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met - (1) the person is a first-time offender who has not been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense, (2) the offender has served at least 25 years of the sentence imposed, (3) the offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the 36 consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date, (4) the offender has completed the mandatory minimum of 100 hours of prerelease programming, (5) the offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable, (6) the offender has obtained or completed a literacy program, an adult basic education program, a job skills training program, or a high school equivalency certificate, (7) the offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), and (8) the offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by DPS&C.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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
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Annual Total

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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.

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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