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Fiscal Note On: **HB 682** HLS 14RS 269

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund		

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Provides relative to parole for persons convicted of certain crimes of violence and provides for the creation and administration of the Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund

Present law provides for parole eligibility for offenders convicted of a crime of violence upon serving 85% of the sentence imposed. Proposed law amends present law to provide parole eligibility for these offenders upon serving 75% of the sentence imposed. Provides for prospective application of this provision of proposed law. Proposed law amends present law to authorize the granting of parole by majority for persons convicted of certain crimes of violence who meet the conditions set forth in present law including completion of at least 100 hours of reentry preparation program as provided by present law. Creates the Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund which shall be administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) and the Administration of Criminal Justice to establish a grant program which shall distribute funds to local corrections rehabilitative programs that provide inmates with fundamental resources in the areas of employment, life skills training, and job placement and that provide the inmates with access to as many support services as possible. Provides that any savings realized from the proposed law reduction in the amount of time a person convicted of a crime of violence is required to serve prior to being eligible for parole consideration shall be appropriated into the fund.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable decrease in state general fund expenditures as a result of amending the parole eligibility for parole eligible offenders convicted of violent crimes. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, since the legislation allows parole eligible offenders convicted of violent crimes to become parole eligible earlier and it is not known how many offenders will be granted parole. However, any offender released from a correctional facility and placed on parole supervision decreases expenditures of the Department of Corrections by \$21.85 (\$24.39 per day - \$2.54 parole supervision per day) per day per offender or \$7,975 annually in local facilities. To the extent that offenders are released from state facilities, the decrease per day per offender is \$49.97 (\$52.51 per day - \$2.54 parole supervision per day) or \$18,239 annually.

In addition, the proposed legislation creates the Programs to Reduce Recidivism Fund which shall be administered by the LCLE to establish a grant program which shall distribute funds to local corrections rehabilitative programs that provide inmates with fundamental resources in the areas of employment, life skills training, and job placement and that provide the inmates with access to as many support services as possible. Any savings realized from the proposed law reduction in the amount of time a person convicted of a crime of violence is required to serve prior to being eligible for parole consideration shall be appropriated into the fund.

The savings from the early granting of parole is unknown at this time; therefore, it is not known how much will be appropriated to the fund. To the extent that the savings is significant, an additional position in the Commission on Law Enforcement may be necessary to administer the fund.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill creates a special fund to receive appropriations or donations to be used to support local corrections rehabilitative programs. One source of appropriation into the fund is any savings realized from the reduction in the amount of time served by offenders, as provided by this bill. Thus, the bill contemplates the dedication of some amount of general fund resources, but does not indicate how any specific amount of those resources is to be established. This intent is depicted in the table above as a reduction in general fund resources and a consequent increase in resources deposited into the special fund.

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable increase in self-generated revenue as a result of offenders convicted of violent crimes becoming parole eligible earlier, thus being released into parole supervision. For each offender that is released to parole at an earlier date, the Department of Corrections could collect up to \$63 per month from each offender under parole supervision. It should be noted that the maximum amount paid per month is \$63 and the offender's ability and amount he is required to pay is determined by the Board of Parole.

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| Senate | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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