COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3643S.01I Bill No.: SB 664

Subject: Probation and Parole; Crimes and Punishment; Children and Minors

Type: Original

Date: January 12, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to eligibility for parole.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
General Revenue*	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on General				
Revenue	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	

^{*}Oversight assumes the fiscal impact could possibly exceed \$250,000. Oversight notes to reach the \$250,000 threshold, an additional (or reduction of) 31 prisoners would be required to remain in prison at the estimated incarceration rate of \$8,255 cost per year per prisoner. Oversight assumes possibly more than that number retained in prison because of this bill by FY 2025.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on Other State				
Funds	So.	So So	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on All Federal				
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

- ⊠ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§217.690 – Eligibility for parole

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state this proposal modifies provisions relating to eligibility for parole. It adds language that excludes offenders with a conviction of murder in the second degree for an offense committed when under the age of 18 years from consideration for parole after serving fifteen years of incarceration.

The intent of the bill is to require offenders with a conviction of murder in the second degree for an offense committed when under the age of 18 years to serve a longer period of incarceration prior to consideration for parole.

There are currently 201 offenders in prison who are both: 1) incarcerated only on a sentence, or a combination of sentences, for offenses committed when they were less than 18 years, and 2) serving a sentence for a conviction of murder in the second degree. Of those 201 offenders, nine are excluded from consideration for having a prior release from prison. Of the remaining 192 offenders, 65 have been incarcerated for 15 years or more. Given the parole board is currently reviewing these cases, DOC assumes the passage of this proposal would result in these 65 individuals remaining in prison. It is unknown what fiscal impact this will have, as there is no way to determine how many of these individuals would have been denied parole by the board in any case and, therefore, how many offenders this change would truly be affecting.

Oversight does not have any information contrary to that provided by DOC. Therefore, Oversight will reflect DOC's (unknown) impact for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost</u> – DOC (§217.690) Change in			
parole eligibility	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO			
THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, a person sentenced to a term or terms of imprisonment amounting to 15 years or more when such person was under the age of 18, is eligible for parole after serving 15 years, unless such person was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

This act adds that such a person will also be ineligible for parole if he or she was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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