

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 49** HLS 25RS 295

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Confidentiality - Board of Pardons/Committee on Parole		

PARDON/PAROLE

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Provides relative to the confidentiality of records from certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole

Proposed law makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally obtain any audio, written, or visual recording of any testimony presented by a victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, during an executive session of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole and to transfer such recording by the use of a computer online service, internet service, or any other means of electronic communication, which includes (but is not limited to) a local bulletin board service, chat room, electronic mail, or online messaging service; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than six months or a fine of \$500, or both, for those convicted; provides that a victim, spouse, or next of kin of a deceased victim shall be allowed to testify at the hearing and to present testimony in executive session at his request (either direct or rebuttal testimony); provides that all sessions of the Board of Pardons shall be public except those involving the victim, or spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim in executive session; provides procedures regarding testimony provided in executive session and restrictions on recordings of documented hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	SEE BELOW					

Annual Total

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of knowingly and intentionally obtaining and transferring a recording, live-stream, audio, video, or written transcript of any hearing of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole that involves a victim who is a minor or a victim of a sex offense. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than six months.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders will not be sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of knowingly and intentionally obtaining or transferring a recording, live-stream, audio, video, or written transcript of any hearing of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole that involves a victim who is a minor or a victim of a sex offense. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted (not more than \$500) are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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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