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Subject: Inmate / Offender Program Eligibility for Participation	

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Provides relative to an inmate's eligibility to participate in certain programs and relative to completion of programs prior to release on parole

Proposed law amends and reenacts R.S. 15:574.4.1(D) and 1199.7(C), relative to inmate programs. Proposed law provides for eligibility for participation in the inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program, authorizes inmates convicted of a crime of violence and inmates sentenced as a habitual offender to be considered for participation in the program; provides for completion of programs prior to release on parole and provides for related matters.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a decrease in SGF expenditures for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Correction Services (DPSC). Proposed law will allow granting parole to certain inmates after completing rehabilitation and workforce development programs as directed by the committee on parole on or before nine (9) months after the parole hearing or the most recent recent reconsideration of the prisoner's case. The per offender savings is \$21.76 (\$24.39 per day - \$2.63 parole supervision per day) per day or \$7,942.40 annually per offender in local facilities. To the extent that offenders are released from state facilities, the savings per day per offender is \$49.05 (\$51.68 per day - \$2.63 parole supervision per day) or \$17,903.25 annually. Currently, the DPSC houses 50% of state offenders at the local level and 50% at the state level.

Present law restricts eligibility for participation of rehabilitation and workforce development programs to inmates convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, inmates convicted of offense a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), and inmates who are habitual offenders in accordance with R.S. 15:529(1). Proposed law removes the restriction for violent and habitual offenders, allowing participation in rehabilitation and workforce development programs that may lead to early release and/or decreased recidivism. Assuming programming opportunities are available for inmates to participate, the per offender savings is \$21.76 (\$24.39 per day - \$2.63 parole supervision per day) per day, or \$7,942.40 annually per offender in local facilities. To the extent that offenders are released from state facilities, the decrease per day per offender is \$49.05 (\$51.68 per day - \$2.63 parole supervision per day) or \$17,903.25 annually. Currently, the DPSC houses 50% of state offenders at the local level and 50% at the state level.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in self-generated revenue as a result of offenders being released into parole supervision. For each offender that is released to parole at an earlier date, the DPSC 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 the amount required to pay is determined by the committee on parole.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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