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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 643** HLS 20RS 745

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Dept./Agy.: Committee on Parole | | Analyst: Monique Appeaning |
| Subject: Determination and conditions of release on parole | | |

PAROLE EG1 SEE FISC NOTE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to the powers and duties of the committee on parole

Present law provides for the determination of time and conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted of a felony and sentence to imprisonment, and confined in any penal or correctional institution in this state.

Proposed law provides that upon recommendation of the supervising parole officer and approval of the committee on parole, the level of supervision and the fees associated with the supervision of a parolee maybe reduced after the parolee has served a minimum of three years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is not a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B) and a minimum of seven years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B).

Proposed law provides that relative to a parolee on inactive status, to provide relative to the committee on parole's authority to revoke parole and reduce terms and conditions of parole.

| EXPENDITURES | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 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 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

| REVENUES | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
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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> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a SGF expenditure decrease in Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPSC-CS) if a parolee's time served is decreased relative to the committee on parole decisions. For DPSC-CS, SGF expenditures will decrease to the extent that individuals currently under parole supervision terms in excess of three years may be released from supervision earlier for offenses that are not crimes of violence, or currently under parole supervision terms in excess of seven years and without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for offenses that are crimes of violence may be released from supervision earlier in the future.

DPSC-CS estimates expenditures at \$2.95 per day for parole supervision. If parole supervision ceases earlier than in present law, the annual savings assumption would be \$1,076.75 (\$2.95 per day cost for parole supervision x 365 days). However, DPSC-CS probation and parole officers currently realize assigned caseloads in excess of national best practice standards. The LFO assumes the decreased workload would probably not result in material decreased expenditures for personal services costs, as a reduced caseload would likely not result in a reduction of the number of personnel assigned to these activities.

Proposed law provides that if a parolee satisfies the conditions of proposed law, he may be placed on inactive status upon approval of the committee on parole. A parolee on inactive status shall not be subject to the terms and conditions of parole under R.S. 15:574.4.2(A)(2). The committee shall maintain the authority to revoke parole as provided in present law. Nothing in proposed law shall eliminate the committee's authority to reduce terms and conditions of parole prior to a parolee satisfying the requirements of proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a decrease of SGR revenues collected by DPSC-CS by an indeterminable amount to the extent that individuals currently under parole supervision terms in excess of three years may be released from supervision earlier for offenses that are not crimes of violence, or currently under parole supervision terms in excess of seven years and without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for offenses that are crimes of violence may be released from supervision earlier in the future. Any such releases must be approved by the committee on parole.

People released sooner from parole supervision as a result of the proposed change would no longer pay a monthly parole fee of up to \$63 per present law. Proposed law allows that upon the recommendation of the supervising parole officer and approval of the committee on parole, the fees associated with the supervision of a parolee may be reduced after serving a minimum of three years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is not a crime of violence and a minimum of seven years for a crime that is a crime of violence. The net revenue impact is indeterminable as the number of offenders that may be granted parole is unknown.

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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