

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 413** HLS 14RS 1205

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Parole eligibility	

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Provides with respect to parole eligibility

Present law provides that a person committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole for 30 years or more shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least 20 years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of 45. Does not apply to those person serving life sentences unless the sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years and for persons convicted of armed robbery.

Proposed law retains present law and exempts from present law those persons convicted of crimes of violence, sex offenses, or sentenced as habitual offenders.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	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>
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in a potential cost increase to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Present law provides that a person committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole for 30 years or more shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least 20 years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of 45. Does not apply to those person serving life sentences unless the sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years and for persons convicted of armed robbery. Proposed law adds exceptions to those persons convicted of crimes of violence, sex offenses, or sentenced as habitual offenders from consideration of parole eligibility.

For each offender that potentially would be released on parole, the state would recognize a savings of \$24.39 per day or \$8,902 annually for those in local facilities and \$52.51 or \$19,166 annually for those in a state correctional facility.

According to the Department of Corrections, 76 offenders were released in FY 12 and 132 were released in FY 13 for a total of 208 offenders released over the last 2 fiscal years that would have been affected by the proposed legislation. The savings from the release of these offenders is \$1,851,689 (208 offenders x \$24.39 per day x 365 days) assuming a full years worth of savings annually.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input 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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