

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

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Dept./Agy.: Corrections

Subject: Removal of Eligibility for Credit Served for Good Behavior

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CRIMINAL/SENTENCING OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Provides relative to diminution of sentence (Item #2)

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<u>Current law</u> allows a person convicted of an offense to be eligible to earn a diminution of his sentence (or earn credit/time served for good behavior), with exceptions - those considered habitual offenders, those who in the trial court's discretion are ineligible for diminution of sentence due to stalking, those who have been convicted of a second crime considered a crime of violence, and those who are sex offenders. <u>Current law</u> allows offenders to earn 13 days of credit/time served for every 7 days of good behavior for those convicted of non-violent offenses; 2 days of credit/time served for every 1 day of good behavior for those with fourth or subsequent convictions; and 1 day of credit/time served for every 3 days of good behavior for violent offenders. <u>Current law</u> allows pretrial credit to be considered for an offender seeking a diminution of his sentence. <u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>current law</u> to prohibit any person who commits an offense on or after August 1, 2024, to be entitled to any diminution of sentence or credit for good time that exceeds 15% of the sentence imposed, with the exception that those who have committed sex offenses are prohibited from being eligible to earn any diminution of sentence; amends <u>current law</u> to provide for additional diminution of sentence opportunities relative to classification and treatment programs under the Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C); removes the consideration for pretrial credit for diminution of sentences.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures to the Department of Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS & C - CS) to the extent that all credits for time served pre-trial would be forfeited and credits earned/time served for good behavior (currently available to offenders to reduce their sentences to 35%, 65%, or 75% of the sentences imposed) would be limited to 15% of sentences imposed. Proposed law will result in an increase in the number of days inmates are incarcerated.

SGF expenditures will increase by \$107.60 per offender per day to the extent that an offender currently incarcerated in a state facility has sentencing diminution limited to 15% of his sentence imposed or loses all credits for time served pre-trial and remains housed for a longer period of time or \$26.39 per offender per day for an offender housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the DPSC – CS for one year would increase expenditures by \$39,274 (\$107.60 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$9,632.35 (\$26.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility.

Note: DPS&C-CS estimates that SGF expenditures will increase by no less than \$5 M in FY 26 as a result of this measure. The LFO is working to corroborate cost information from DPS&C-CS regarding the method used in calculating this increase for FYs 26 through 29.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> will likely result in an indeterminable decrease in self-generated revenue to DPS&C – Probation and Parole to the extent any offender remains in custody longer and has sentencing diminution limited to 15% of the sentence imposed. The current daily parole supervision rate for adult offenders is \$5.43 per day, which would result in an annual loss of \$1,981.95 (\$5.43 x 365) per offender in parole supervision SGR.

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} <u>House</u>

 $\boxed{\mathbf{x}}$ 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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