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**Fiscal Note**



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 Enacts the Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Act

Proposed law creates the inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program to be administered by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Proposed law provides that the council shall be composed of 11 members, selected from state agencies, the legislature, and lists submitted to the governor by certain associations. Proposed law provides that members, other than the secretaries, or their designees, or employees of the state, may receive a \$75 per diem for each day spent in actual attendance of meetings of the council. Members may also receive a mileage allowance for mileage traveled in attending meetings. Proposed law requires the program to last for two years and requires the Department to assist each inmate in selecting a craft. Proposed law provides that eligible inmates who have been admitted to the program shall participate in one-year intensive training in a selected craft. Proposed law provides that the wages of an inmate so employed shall be not less than the customary wages for an employee performing similar services. Deductions for room, board, and other costs resulting from participation in work release program shall not exceed 75% of the wages received by an inmate.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in expenditures, which will be determined by the scope of the program, the Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Act. The cost of the Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Act is designed to come from a portion of the wages an inmate earns while in the work release program. Once the program is established and the work release inmates' donations are sufficient to cover the cost of the program it will function on Self-Generated Funds. Until that point, funding will be needed to initiate training and compensation for the non-state employee members of the advisory board.

The creation of an advisory council within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) could increase expenditures by \$2,400 annually. The legislation provides for a \$75 per diem plus a mileage allowance for non-state employees appointed to the council. The council is also scheduled to meet quarterly. Therefore, the total potential increase for reimbursement to council members would be \$2,400 ([\$75 per diem + \$45 average mileage allowance] \* 5 people \* 4 meetings).

Since contracts and cooperative endeavors have not been established, the actual costs for the training portion of the program are indeterminable. DPS&C assumes that programs enacted by the passage of this legislation would require expenditures similar to programs started last fiscal year. In FY 07-08 DPS&C received funding for two separate programs designed to rehabilitate inmates through the use of skilled craftsman certification. Fast track welding and Fast track carpentry programs were implemented in FY 07-08 with costs per program totaling \$196,565 and \$73,450, respectively. The programs last ten-weeks and are designed for an average enrollment of 12 to 15 inmates. DPS&C also recently purchased training mobile trailers with Community Development Block Grant money (Federal Funds). The cost was \$164,380 for a welding trailer and \$90,545 for a carpentry trailer. Expenditures will be dependent upon the type of program and the number of programs established. The anticipated minimum expenditures for one program per location would be between \$75,000 and \$200,000 per year.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation provides that the wages of every inmate with workforce development work release privileges shall be collected by the secretary of DPS&C and disbursed by the department for the room, board, and other costs (i.e. training) resulting from participation in a workforce development work release program. The deductions shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the wages received by the inmate. DPS&C assumes once the program is established and the work release inmates' donations are sufficient, the program will be supported with Self-Generated Funds.

Senate                      Dual Referral Rules


13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

  
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