

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT=			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
General Fund (Vacancy Savings)	\$23,112		

Source of expenditure increase:

Calculation of goodtime for all current inmates and parolees prior to the effective date of the bill.

Assumptions:

This bill will result in a significant amount of staff time as staff will be required to calculate adjusted dates for all current inmates and parolees, which is approximately a total of 3,600 offenders; prepare release for qualifying inmates; submit necessary paperwork for adjusted dates for parolees; and adjust all systems utilized to manage release dates. As a result, the Department of Corrections (DOC) will fund three (3) temporary At-Will Employee Contract (AWEC) positions for support services specialists; the DOC anticipates needing three (3) of said positions for only twelve (12) weeks.

Once all current inmate's and parolee's adjusted dates are calculated, the additional time required for the calculation of new inmate's good time while housed in county jails will not be significant and therefore no additional personnel will be required after implementation of the proposed legislation is completed. The DOC has sufficient funding in their current budget from vacancy savings for this expenditure increase.

The DOC notes that there is a potential for the length of incarceration to decrease, with potential for corresponding expenditure decreases, as a result of the proposed legislation. However, as current rules do not allow for good time to be calculated until an inmate enters a state penal institution, there is no accurate method to predict how many offenders would qualify to receive good time credit under the bill. Each year of incarceration, per inmate, costs the State approximately \$44,735, including medical costs.

The fiscal impact to the Board of Parole is indeterminable.

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