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Subject: Parole Consideration

Requestor: Senate Corrections and Penology

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Fiscal Impact Summary

The implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, because it only codifies in state law a practice the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services already performs.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Prefiled on December 12, 2018 State Expenditure

This bill allows crime victims and their families to submit film, videotape, or written or electronic information related to a parole determination when being considered by the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP). Previously, only the victim, the prosecuting solicitor's office, and the person whose parole is under consideration were authorized to supply these materials. Any materials submitted by a victim or a member of his immediate family must be retained by the Board of PPP and submitted at subsequent parole hearings, unless the person who provided the materials gives a written statement attesting that the information no longer represents his present position. Materials that are provided by the prosecuting solicitor's office or the person whose parole is under consideration may be submitted at subsequent parole hearings each time the provider gives a written statement declaring that the information represents his present position. The bill also enables a public body to exempt from disclosure any film, videotape, or written or electronic information submitted by the victim of a crime for which a prisoner has been sentenced or by the victim's immediate family.

Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. The Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services currently retains victim statements for consideration at subsequent parole hearings while an inmate remains incarcerated. As such, the bill would codify the Board's current procedures.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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