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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0512 Introduced on February 13, 2019
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Subject: Calculation of Time Served for Prisoners
Requestor: Senate Corrections and Penology
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The Department of Corrections reports that the implementation of this bill will reduce inmate population resulting in an overall savings to the General Fund. Under the provisions of the bill, inmates would be released, on average, 160.8 days earlier, with a maximum of 1,790 days earlier. By 2029, the ADP will be 1,793 inmates lower with the cumulative total cost savings of \$311,371,872. By 2039, the cumulative cost savings from the reduction in prison population will be \$735,657,384. The agency estimates that the change provided in the bill will reduce the average daily inmate population (ADP) gradually over time to a maximum of 2,128 inmates by the year 2060.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill provides that a prisoner must be given 2 days of credit for every one day served in custody prior to trial and sentencing.

Department of Corrections. The bill will have a cost savings to the agency in that inmates will be released earlier with additional jail time credit. Therefore, there will be no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

This bill amends computation of time served by prisoners so as to provide that a prisoner must be given 2 days of credit for every one day served in custody prior to trial and sentencing. In FY 2017-18 there were 4,757 newly admitted inmates with jail time credits applicable to the bill. Under the provisions of the bill, inmates would be released, on average, 160.8 days earlier, with a maximum of 1,790 days earlier. By 2029, the ADP will be 1,793 inmates lower with the cumulative total cost savings of \$311,371,872. By 2039, the cumulative cost savings from the reduction in prison population will be \$735,657,384. The agency estimates that the change provided in the bill will reduce the average daily inmate population (ADP) gradually over time to a maximum of 2,128 inmates by the year 2060. These figures do not include considerations for a reduction in the number of institutions or the possibility for reduced staffing.

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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