



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 498

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Senate Bill No. 398

Senate, April 8, 2026

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 54-124a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2026*):

4 (c) Ten of the members of the board shall devote full time to the
5 performance of their duties under this section and shall be compensated
6 therefor in such amount as the Commissioner of Administrative
7 Services determines, subject to the provisions of section 4-40. The other
8 members of the board shall receive, [one hundred ten dollars for each
9 day spent in] within available appropriations, a per diem payment in
10 such amount as the Commissioner of Administrative Services
11 determines, subject to the provisions of section 4-40, for the performance
12 of their duties and additionally shall be reimbursed for necessary
13 expenses incurred in the performance of such duties. The chairperson
14 or, in the chairperson's absence or inability to act, a member designated
15 by the chairperson to serve temporarily as chairperson, shall be present

16 at all meetings of the board and participate in all decisions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	54-124a(c)

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Correction (Board of Pardons and Parole)	GF - Cost	Up to 192,000	Up to 192,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which replaces the current \$110 per diem payment for the part-time members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles with an amount determined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), results in a cost to the Department of Correction of up to \$192,000 in FY 27 and FY 28, to the extent that these payments are required.

The new per diem rate is estimated to be about \$430 and each of the five part-time board members are anticipated to work up to 120 days per year. However, these positions are currently vacant. Each position that is filled is estimated to incur an additional cost of up to \$38,400 annually.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the per diem rate set by DAS.

¹ Under current law, each of the part-time positions would cost up to \$13,200 annually if filled.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 398*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill replaces the current \$110 per diem payment for part-time members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles with an amount, subject to available appropriations, that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner determines. The commissioner's set rate is subject to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary's approval. As under existing law, part-time board members must also be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

By law, the board includes 10 full-time members and up to five part-time members. The DAS commissioner sets the salary of full-time members, subject to the OPM secretary's approval.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 0 (03/23/2026)