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sHB-5306

AN ACT CONCERNING SENTENCE REDUCTION OR RELIEF FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which establishes a process for certain offenders to apply for a reduced sentence or a sentence modification, results in a potential savings to the Department of Correction to the extent there is a reduction in incarceration. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300.¹

The bill also (1) requires the Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider whether an applicant for pardon or parole is a domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking survivor and that experience was a significant contributing factor in committing the offense and (2) requires the Judicial Department to annually report on the sentencing relief provided under the bill's provisions. These provisions result in no fiscal impact because the affected agencies have the capacity and expertise to meet the bill's requirements.

¹ Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these expenses would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the extent to which sentences are reduced or modified.