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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6450-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 2499  
Subject: Department of Corrections; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils;  
 Probation and Parole  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to videoconferencing at parole hearings.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	\$31,200	\$38,189	\$38,953
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,200</b>	<b>\$38,189</b>	<b>\$38,953</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state the legislation removes the ability of an offender to object to a parole hearing conducted by video conferencing. As video parole hearings are currently conducted at 14 DAI facilities, the Parole Board must travel to each of these sites to conduct an in-person hearing when an offender objects to the use of video. Removing the ability to object will result in a cost savings to the agency.

The estimated projected cost savings from the legislation are as follows:

Average number of travel days due to offender refusing to appear via video:	8 per month
Average vehicle cost per travel day:	\$ 130.00
Average hotel cost per travel day for two hearing panel members:	\$ 160.00 (\$80.00 X 2)
Average meal cost per travel day for two hearing panel members:	<u>\$ 100.00</u> (\$50.00 X 2)
 Average cost per travel day:	 \$ 390.00
Average cost per month:	\$ 3,120.00 (\$390 x 8)
Average cost per year:	\$ 37,440.00 (\$3,120 x 12)

DOC assumes 10 months of impact in FY 2019 and 2 percent inflation for future years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
 <b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost Avoidance - DOC - parole hearings conducted by video conferencing</u>	<u>\$31,200</u>	<u>\$38,189</u>	<u>\$38,953</u>
 <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	 <b><u>\$31,200</u></b>	 <b><u>\$38,189</u></b>	 <b><u>\$38,953</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the use of videoconferencing must not be used if the offender, the victim, or the victim's family objects. This bill removes the offender from the list of individuals who can object. The bill also removes the requirement that the parole board conduct a personal interview with the offender, permitting the interview to be conducted via videoconferencing.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections

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