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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 5120
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Subject: Prisoner Sentencing
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. It should, however, result in savings over time, as the average daily population of inmates would be reduced.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends various chapters of Title 24 to add a provision for calculating sentence reductions for persons convicted of no parole offenses. It also adds a provision that enables an inmate who has served at least fifteen years of his sentence to petition the court to modify his sentence when certain requirements have been met. The bill also allows an inmate convicted of a no parole offense to become eligible for early release, discharge, or community supervision after he serves at least sixty-five percent of his sentence. Further, it enables an inmate convicted of a no parole offense who has served at least sixty-five percent of his sentence to become eligible to petition the court for a modified sentence under certain circumstances. The bill also increases the number of good behavior days an inmate convicted of a no parole offense can receive and allows for the retroactive application of the provisions therein.

Department of Corrections. The agency reports that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. It should, however, result in savings over time, as the average daily population of inmates would be reduced. By 2026, the average daily population is estimated to decrease by 380 inmates, which will provide cumulative savings of

\$2,968,608. By 2036, the average daily population is estimated to decrease by 939 inmates, which will provide cumulative savings of \$19,869,328.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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