

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB307 ER

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Adults sentenced for juvenile offenses; good conduct credit.

5. Summary: Currently, unless it is a mandatory minimum sentence of confinement, each prisoner sentenced to 12 months or less for a misdemeanor or any combination of misdemeanors earns good conduct credit at the rate of one day for each one day served, including all days served while confined in jail prior to conviction and sentencing, in which the prisoner has not violated the written rules and regulations of the jail. However, prisoners convicted of a felony and sentenced to the Department of Corrections (DOC) and eligible for parole, prisoners convicted of a felony and also of a misdemeanor and eligible for parole, and prisoners convicted of felonies or misdemeanors but who are sentenced to jail and not eligible for parole can earn good conduct credit at a rate of 15 days for each day for each 30 days served with satisfactory conduct.

This bill provides that an adult sentenced for a juvenile offense can earn good conduct credit at the rate of one day for each day served, including all days served while confined in jail or secured detention prior to conviction and sentencing, in which the adult has not violated the written rules and regulations of the jail.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill affects the time calculations for adults sentenced for juvenile offenses. According to the Department of Corrections, as of December 31, 2019, 114 offenders have convictions affected by this proposal. Under current good-time-earning rates, 58 offenders are already expected to be released between FY2020 and FY2025 (the current six-year forecast horizon). Under the good-time-earning rates proposed by the bill, 59 offenders would be expected to be released within the six-year forecast horizon, resulting in one less state-responsible (prison) bed by the end of FY2025.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Corrections, local and regional jails

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB61.