

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 165

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

2. Patron: Hope

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Geriatric release of inmates

5. Summary:

Under current law, any inmate except one who has been convicted of a capital offense, may petition the Parole Board for conditional release if the inmate:

- i. has reached the age of 65 or older and has served at least five years of the sentence imposed, or
- ii. has reached the age or 60 or older and has served at least 10 years of the sentence imposed.

The proposed legislation would authorize any inmate, other than one convicted of a capital offense, who has reached the age of 60 or older, regardless of time served, to petition the Parole Board for conditional release.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 420

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Positions</i>
2013	\$112,999	General	2.0
2014	\$150,660	General	2.0
2015	\$150,660	General	2.0
2016	\$150,660	General	2.0
2017	\$150,660	General	2.0
2018	\$150,660	General	2.0

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would increase the number of inmates eligible to be considered for parole, as shown in the table below. The table shows the number of inmates who would be eligible for geriatric release under the proposed legislation *who would not be eligible for parole consideration otherwise*. It is based on the confined population as of June 30, 2010, which is the latest date that full data is available.

**Number of inmates eligible for proposed geriatric release, who
would not be otherwise eligible for parole**

Geriatric release eligibility date	HB 165
FY 2013	1,142
FY 2014	1,278
FY 2015	1,376

The Parole Board currently consists of two full-time members and three part-time members. The Board also has two full-time parole examiners who conduct most of the parole interviews, review home plans, and make recommendations to the Board. The Board would need at least two additional full-time parole examiners to handle the additional workload that would result from this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Parole Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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