

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1152

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: Eligibility for parole

5. Summary:

Under current law, any person convicted of a felony offense committed on or after January 1, 1995, is not eligible for parole.

The proposed legislation would provide two exceptions to that prohibition, making any person, convicted for an offense committed on or after January 1, 1995, while that person was a juvenile, and falling into either of the following categories eligible for parole:

- Sentenced to a life term for a single felony or multiple felonies and has served at least 20 years of that sentence; or
- Have active sentences that total more than 20 years for a single felony or multiple felonies and has served at least 20 years of such sentences.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications:

According to the Department of Corrections, eight offenders currently meet the criteria set out in the proposed legislation and would be eligible to be considered for parole if the bill were enacted. Of those offenders, one is serving a life term and each of the other seven have a total imposed sentence of 20 years or more. All eight have served 20 or more years on their sentence.

Another 425 offenders meet the criteria, except for having served 20 years on their sentences. Of that group, 55 have a life sentence. If the legislation were enacted, each of these 425 offenders would be eligible to be considered for parole after they had served at least 20 years.

The Parole Board would be able to handle these additional cases within its current budget.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Parole Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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