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SUBJECT: Parole Eligibility

You asked for the cumulative cost of changing parole eligibility from 50% to 85% for individuals convicted of burglary in the second degree, and second degree with a firearm, after six months, one year, and five years from adoption.

Changing parole eligibility from 50% to 85% will cost (cumulatively after passage) approximately \$1.3 million after six months, \$4.7 million after one year, and \$57.0 million after five years. These costs do not include any potential construction costs for new bed space.

In FY 07 there were 169 admissions for individuals convicted of burglary in the second degree, and second degree with a firearm. On average, the length of stay for these offenders was 24 months, and the average length of sentence was 53.8 months. With an increase in eligibility to 85% it is estimated that the average length of stay will increase by approximately 21 months, to 45 months. **Table 1** below illustrates the increase in bed days, and corresponding cumulative cost (six months, one year, and five years from adoption).

TABLE 1			
Month	Additional Bed Days	Inmate Per Diem (\$)	Cummulative (\$)
6	2,970	121	1,257,795
12	5,940	121	4,671,810
60	8,400	121	57,172,500

Table 2 below illustrates the annual cost for the first five years of adoption.

Year	Annual Cost (\$)
1	4,671,810
2	12,937,320
3	14,385,690
4	12,980,880
5	12,196,800

Please contact me with additional questions.