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AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE OR MEDICAL PAROLE
AND CREDITS AWARDED FOR RELEASE DURING AN
EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 23 \$ | FY 24 \$ |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Correction, Dept. | GF - Potential Savings | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to certain parole types and creates inmate credits awarded for release during an emergency resulting in a marginal savings described below.

The bill expands the eligibility for medical or compassionate parole resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction (DOC) to the extent additional inmates receive parole. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.¹

The bill also creates public health emergency release credits to be awarded to certain inmates during major disasters or emergency declarations resulting in a potential marginal savings to the DOC to the

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extent credits are awarded and inmate sentences are reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.²

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of compassionate or medical parole issued and the number of emergency release credits issued.

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