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

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the following impact.

The amendment expands the circumstances under which compassionate parole can be granted, creates a public health release credit¹, and establishes a process for commutations resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction to the extent these situations occur and inmates are granted parole or have their sentences reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state

¹ Public health release credits reduce an inmate's sentence during a declared major disaster or emergency.

for releasing an offender is \$2,500.²

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² Inmate marginal savings is based on decreased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.). This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility closed.