



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 299

Committee: Judiciary

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House Bill 299 as introduced provides: 1) that the Board of Pardons and Paroles update parole guidelines to provide weighted consideration for the age of the eligible inmate; 2) a 2-year reconsideration for parole for certain inmates upon denial of parole; 3) the board to provide an inmate over age 60 a detailed plan to improve chances for parole upon denial, failure to provide a plan would result in a new parole hearing within 90-days; 4) appellate relief for certain inmates with certain serious chronic health conditions upon denial of parole or medical parole; and 5) that the Board conduct a medical parole hearing within 30 days of an inmate becoming eligible for medical parole. These provisions would increase the obligations of the Board by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost to comply with the provisions of this bill.

In addition, this bill could decrease the obligations of the Department of Correction by an undetermined amount annually, beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, dependent on the costs foregone for housing and care of medically-furloughed inmates.