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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would change provisions relating to credit for imprisonment for fines and costs. It increases from \$60 to \$80 the credit per day to sit out fines and costs.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) estimates no fiscal impact.

IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS: The Douglas County Department of Corrections estimates that this bill could result in the decrease of 4 inmates per day based on an analysis of the 2009 offender population. This could result in Douglas County being able to occasionally close one housing unit per day at a savings of \$1,000 per day.

Lancaster County Corrections states that inmates sat out 17,200 days at the current rate of \$60 per day, and at \$80 per day, they estimate inmates may sit out 12,700. However, Lancaster County Corrections notes that a number of other factors affect the sitting out of fines. For example, it is likely that increasing the rate will increase the number of persons who will desire to sit their fines out rather than pay them. It may also change the way some courts view fines as compared to jail time and could affect sentencing decisions. Lancaster County Corrections concludes that increasing the rate is as likely to increase jail populations as it is to decrease them. Therefore, they are unable to estimate a fiscal impact from this bill.

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS – Concur with agency analysis.					
DOUGLAS COUNTY CORRECTIONS – No basis to dispute analysis.					
LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONS – Makes no estimate of fiscal impact, so no basis to evaluate analysis.					