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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated for the 2012 Session. Includes any amendments adopted to-date.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	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, as amended by AM945, authorizes a person who was under 18 years of age at the time of committing an offense for which the person was sentenced to life imprisonment to petition the Board of Pardons for a commutation of their sentence.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has informed the Legislative Fiscal Office that they have no change in their 2011 response to this amended bill. In 2011, DCS stated that the fiscal impact was not determinable and their response follows:

DCS currently has 30 individuals incarcerated who were admitted at age 18 or less serving life sentences for murder. Six of the individuals were admitted in the 1970s; five were admitted in the 1980s; eight were admitted in the 1990s; three were admitted in the 2000s; and two have been admitted in the 2010s.

It is unknown how many individuals would be successful in their petitions and also not known how the sentences might be restructured. Therefore, a fiscal impact is not determinable. However, if any of the sentences were changed to a specific minimum number of years, it is possible some of these individuals would be paroled. If the maximum term were changed to a specific number of years, the individuals would be released upon completion of their sentence (half of the maximum term, if good time not lost).

The FY10 per diem (cost per day of feeding, clothing, housing, medical, etc) for an individual inmate was \$15.41 per day or \$5,625/year.

The fiscal impact is not determinable.