

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4214-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1585  
Subject: Department of Corrections; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils;  
 Probation and Parole  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to videoconferencing at parole hearings.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue	\$23,400	\$28,361	\$28,644
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,400</b>	<b>\$28,361</b>	<b>\$28,644</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state there will be a cost avoidance for the 10 sites where we currently conduct video parole hearings because people will not have to travel to conduct an in-person hearing when the offender refuses to appear via video. The estimated projected cost avoidance includes the following:

Average # of travel days due to offender refusing to appear via video:	6/month
Vehicle cost per travel day:	\$130
Hotel cost per travel day for 2 hearing panel members:	\$160
Meal cost per travel day for 2 hearing panel members:	\$100

FY 2017 total \$23,400 (10 months x 6 per month x (\$130 + \$160 + \$100))  
 FY 2018 total \$28,361 (full 12 months and add 1% inflation)  
 FY 2019 total \$28,644 (add 1% inflation)

**House Amendment 1:**

**Oversight** assumes House Amendment 1 would not create a fiscal impact.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - Department of Corrections - cost avoidance of not allowing offender to object to videoconferencing	<u>\$23,400</u>	<u>\$28,361</u>	<u>\$28,644</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$23,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,644</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

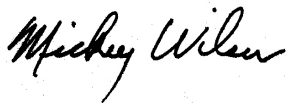
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the use of videoconferencing must not be used if the offender, the victim, or the victim's family objects. This bill removes the offender from the list of individuals who can object. The bill also removes the requirement that the parole board conduct a personal interview with the offender, permitting the interview to be conducted via videoconferencing.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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