

Unsuccessful petitioners would be permitted a further appeal to the Supreme Court. Petitioners also could use writs of habeas corpus to challenge circuit court decisions regarding sentence modification. As these

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petitioners already will have received an adverse ruling from the circuit court, it is assumed most will file their habeas petitions under the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court rather than in the circuit court. The Supreme Court may need one additional Deputy Clerk, one additional Orders and Admissions Clerk, and one additional Staff Attorney in the future to adequately address additional workload. However, the fiscal impact in regard to the Supreme Court is indeterminate. The Courts system may submit a budget request for the 2027 Amended Budget after the required workgroup report is submitted on November 1, 2026, and implications of the bill are better understood.

The fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections is unknown at this time, but an updated fiscal impact statement will be issued when this information is available.

Other: Related bill is SB634.