

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Analysis:

According to the Board, the bill would increase the number of inmates eligible for parole on July 1, 2026, by approximately 1,492. The bill requires that the eligible inmates be scheduled for a parole interview by July 1, 2027. The Board reports that complying with this date would require additional work hours for the wage parole examiners to complete interviews. Per the Board, additional hours would be required each year. On average, the parole interview, investigation, and reporting process, takes approximately four hours. The Board estimates wage parole examiners will have to work an additional 5,689 hours each year. The hourly wage for a parole examiner is \$28.00. The Board estimates the additional hours will cost \$167,104 each year.

The fiscal impact to DOC is dependent upon the volume of individuals granted release. DOC reports a significant increase in the supervised population may require additional Probation Officers to manage the expanded caseload. Because the number of successful applicants and their subsequent release dates remain variable, the total fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. According to DOC, the annual cost to support one Probation Officer position is \$89,805, including fringe benefits. The number of positions the DOC needs would depend on how many individuals are found eligible for supervision, which is currently unknown. Therefore, the fiscal impact to DOC is indeterminate.

Other: None.