

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

According to DOC, staff would need to conduct a detailed review of affected records and make manual adjustments to verify the accuracy of good time release dates. DOC would give priority to inmate records with current release dates between September 1, 2028, and December 31, 2029, since updates to these records could result in immediate or near-term releases. Per DOC, approximately 4,700 inmate records currently fall within the release window. DOC states each record would require an individual review, taking an average of 90 minutes per record totaling an estimated 7,050 staff hours. If updates are required, each record will also need to be modified, verified, and approved, which takes an additional hour per record. DOC estimates 1,410 hours may require this step. Due to the volume of records, DOC expects to begin manual reviews in December 2026 or January 2027 (FY 2027), while CORIS updates are being made. DOC expects this review process to continue for a minimum of 12-18 months. DOC staff are unable to maintain their daily workload and conduct these reviews so DOC indicates overtime will be required to meet the provisions of the bill. DOC estimates overtime related to reviewing and updating records would require funding of \$168,318 in FY2027 and \$227,229 in FY2028.

According to DOC, this bill may result in fewer inmates in the correctional system, which could reduce the number of state responsible inmates in local jails held on behalf of the Commonwealth. However, there is not enough information available to reliably estimate the decrease in state responsible inmates held in jails as a result of this proposal. However, any decrease in this population will decrease costs to the state under the Compensation Board, as the Commonwealth currently pays localities \$15.00 a day for each state responsible inmate held in a jail.

Additionally, the potential decrease in the state prison population from this bill may decrease operational costs for DOC. These operational savings cannot be determined at this time.

Other: House Amendment Item 390 #5h provides \$755,547 to DOC in FY2027 for this bill.