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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Fields Rep. Weissman	Bill Status:	Senate Judiciary
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Bill Topic: VICTIM NOTIFICATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires an offender's discharge date from parole to occur 15 days after notification of the victim and requires information presented to victims to be in easy-to-understand language. Starting in FY 2023-24, the bill increases state and local workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

When an offender is discharged before their mandatory discharge date, the bill requires the Parole Board and the Juvenile Parole Board to set the discharge from parole supervision date 15 days after notifying the victim of the discharge. In cases where the victim has elected not to receive notifications, the parole boards must set the date of discharge at least 15 days after the decision to grant early discharge.

The bill also requires the Department of Corrections (DOC), and any other state or local government agency, to provide victim notifications in easy-to-understand language, using recommendations from victim advocates. In addition, any victim notification about an offender's release, discharge, transfer, parole, escape, abscondance, unauthorized absence, or parole proceeding must, to the extent practicable, present the information prominently and in a manner intended to increase the likelihood of the victim's attention to the notice.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2023-24, the bill increases workload in the parole boards in the DOC and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to update policies to ensure that discharge dates are scheduled 15 days after giving notice. In addition, workload will increase in the DOC, DHS, the Probation Division within the Judicial Department, and any other state agency required to provide victim notifications to ensure that information sent to victims meets the requirements of the bill; this work can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Finally, the Office of Information Technology

Local Government

Similar to the state, workload in district attorney offices and other local agencies required to provide victim notifications will increase to ensure that victim notifications meet the requirements of the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Information Technology

District Attorneys
Judicial

Human Services