

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 407 – HB 464

February 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the Department of Correction (DOC) from certifying an inmate for a parole grant hearing, other than the initial statutory grant hearing, if (1) the inmate has not fulfilled all requirements of the inmate's parole plan that can be completed while incarcerated; (2) the inmate is a sex offender and the psychologist or psychiatrist's report is not available; or (3) the inmate has not completed any other requirement that must be completed by the time a hearing is requested.

Authorizes the Board of Parole (BOP) to deny parole to any inmate who (1) has made no attempt to improve his or her skills through available programs; (2) has more than one disciplinary infraction while incarcerated; or (3) is using the parole process to intimidate, harass, or abuse the victim.

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures –
\$45,000 Highest Projected Cost of Next 10 Years /Incarceration*
\$124,200/General Fund

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011799): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the Board of Parole to set the period of time before a prisoner receives another hearing on the same offense. Requires the period not exceed 10 years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

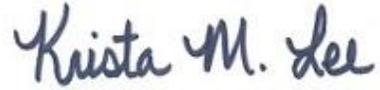
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The bill as amended gives the Board of Parole (the Board) authority to determine the length of time between parole hearings for an inmate. It is assumed that the bill as amended will not significantly impact the operations of the Board.
- The Board confirms that the bill as amended will not significantly impact its operations.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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