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AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE OR MEDICAL PAROLE
AND CREDITS AWARDED FOR RELEASE DURING AN
EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8492)

House Calendar No.: 329

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 24 \$ | FY 25 \$ |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Correction, Dept. | GF - Potential Savings | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands the circumstances under which compassionate parole can be granted, creates a public health release credit¹, and establishes a process for commutations resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction to the extent these situations occur and inmates are granted parole or have their sentences reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.²

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

¹ Public health release credits reduce an inmate's sentence during a declared major disaster or emergency.

² Inmate marginal savings is based on decreased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.). This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility closed.

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject the extent additional inmates receive compassionate parole, commutations, or receive public health release credits.