

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-6787

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROSECUTION OF CANNABIS-RELATED CASES AND MODIFICATION OF SENTENCES FOR CANNABIS-RELATED OFFENSES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8169)

House Calendar No.: 419

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## **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 requires courts to discharge certain cannabis offenders from custody or shorten sentences if specific conditions are met, resulting in a potential marginal savings to the Department of Correction (DOC) to the extent inmate sentences are reduced. On average, the annual marginal savings to the state for releasing an offender is \$2,500.<sup>1</sup>

House "A" strikes various sections which removes the potential marginal savings to the DOC resulting in the fiscal impact described above.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

continue into the future subject to the number of inmates whose sentences are shortened.