

HB 591 – Educational Achievement Gain-Time (Identical SB 1256)

This bill amends s. 944.275, F.S., increasing the amount of incentive gain-time an inmate may be awarded for certain educational achievements. For inmates that have committed their offenses after July 1st, 2015, a one-time award of 120 additional days of incentive gain-time will be awarded to an inmate who receives a high school equivalency diploma or vocational certificate. This increases the incentive gain-time by sixty days, and also allows for an inmate receiving this additional time to serve at least seventy percent of his or her sentence, rather than the usual eighty-five percent.

SEE HANDOUT

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Bed Impact Adopted

Requested by: House

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July 1, 2015 Effective Date

The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference met on 3/11/2015 and estimated the following net impact on the inmate population over the next five years:

a	b	c	FUNDS REQUIRED			
Fiscal Year	Projected Cumulative Prison Beds Required	Projected Additional Annual Prison Beds Required	Annual Operating Costs	Annual Fixed Capital Outlay Costs	TOTAL Annual Funds	TOTAL Cumulative Funds
2015-2016	- insig.	- insig.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2016-2017	-136	-136	(\$1,275,408)	(\$21,807,450)	(\$23,082,858)	(\$23,082,858)
2017-2018	-345	-209	(\$4,628,182)	(\$14,079,275)	(\$18,707,457)	(\$41,790,315)
2018-2019	-560	-215	(\$8,934,160)	(\$11,860,975)	(\$20,795,135)	(\$62,585,450)
2019-2020	-735	-175	(\$13,091,155)	(\$4,118,849)	(\$17,210,004)	(\$79,795,454)
Total	-735	-735	(\$27,928,905)	(\$51,866,549)	(\$79,795,454)	(\$79,795,454)

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FY 2013-14 operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC . The \$49.49 per diem (\$18,064 annual cost) is for all department facilities (excluding private institutions and approximately 150 beds in PRCs) and includes operations, health services, and education services. It does not include debt service costs. It also does not include indirect and administrative costs of \$3.06 per inmate (state facilities). Operating costs in future years were increased by the change in the CPI from the National Economic Estimating Conference.

FY 2006-07 capital costs per bed were based on Department of Corrections cost to build Suwanee CI (\$94,000,000 for 2,003 lawful capacity beds) as reported at the Criminal Justice Impact Conference held February 23, 2010. Capital costs in later years were increased by the change in the chained price index for state and local construction spending obtained from Global Insights, Inc.

Note: This impact statement is not intended to represent the direct appropriations impact of this bill. Rather, it provides a stand-alone estimate of the prison bed need of this particular bill. Cost data are included to allow a comparison of the impact of this bill with other proposed legislation. The actual appropriation associated with passage of this bill will differ depending on a number of factors including the existing inventory of prison beds.