HB 4015 – Death Penalty

This bill amends and repeals multiple statutes, effectively repealing the use of the death penalty in future capital felony cases.

Per DOC, 9 inmates were admitted to the prison system in FY14-15 with a death sentence and 384 inmates were admitted with a life sentence. Furthermore, those inmates executed in FY 13-14 and FY 14-15 averaged over 22 years in prison, with the shortest time between initial incarceration and execution being over 14 years. Assuming that future inmates would be sentenced to life in prison, any impact on prison beds should not be felt for at least a decade.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: No Impact within Forecast Window