

HB 1001 – Gain-time (Identical SB 1212)

This bill amends s. 944.275, F.S., permitting up to 20 days per month of incentive gain-time for sentences imposed for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2019, with those in prison for nonviolent felonies permitted to earn enough gain-time to serve 65% of their total sentence, while violent offenders still remain at the 85% minimum.

See “Changing Percent of Sentence that Must Be Served by Nonviolent Offenders” Handout for a subset of the effect.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Bed Impact

Requested by: Senate

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Changing Percent of Sentence that Must Be Served by Nonviolent Offenders

July 1, 2019 Effective Date

The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference met on 4/8/2019 and estimated the following net impact on the inmate population over the next five years:

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Fiscal Year	Projected Cumulative Prison Beds Required	Projected Additional Annual Prison Beds Required	FUNDS REQUIRED
			Annual Operating Costs
2019-2020	-1,175	-1,175	(\$4,297,328)
2020-2021	-3,533	-2,358	(\$42,482,768)
2021-2022	-5,482	-1,949	(\$102,024,017)
2022-2023	-6,672	-1,190	(\$139,781,224)
2023-2024	-7,266	-594	(\$152,691,947)
Total	-7,266	-7,266	(\$441,277,284)

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FY 2017-18 full operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$56.96 per diem (\$20,790 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 \$4.31 per inmate (state facilities). Operating costs in future years were increased by the change in the CPI from the National Economic Estimating Conference.

FY 2017-18 dorm/work camp operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$36.72 per diem (\$13,403 annual cost) includes costs such as health care, inmate personal care items, and officers assigned to dorms.

FY 2017-18 variable operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$20.04 per diem (\$7,315 annual cost) includes costs such as health care and inmate personal care items.

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 Insight, 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.