

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2732
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	9246
Author:	Representative Cleveland
Date:	2/19/2014
Impact:	Annual Savings – DOC \$4,858,224

Research Analysis

HB 2732 creates the Correctional Officer Safety Act of 2014. The measure would allow those persons serving an 85% sentence to accrue earned credits while serving the sentence. The Department of Corrections is to apply any earned credits to the account of the offender when the offender has served 85% of the sentence imposed.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2732 authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to accumulate earned credits for persons serving 85% crimes. The credits are not applied until after the offender has served 85% of their sentence. Currently, the credits cannot be accumulated or applied until after the person serves 85% of their sentence. HB2732 will reduce prison costs by approximately \$49 per day for every earned credit applied. Based on FY-13 numbers, the savings would be approximately \$3,132,276 annually.

HB2732 will also provide cost savings to DOC by freeing up prison beds that can be filled by offenders currently in county jail backup beds. The current cost of backup beds is \$27 per day. Based on FY-13 numbers, the savings on backup would be approximately \$1,725,948 annually

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Other Considerations

None.