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Bill Analysis

SB 357 requires the courts to modify the sentence of persons convicted of possessing a controlled substance if such a person would have been guilty of a misdemeanor if the same crime was committed on or after July 1, 2017. If the sentence is reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor, the courts must also modify the sentence duration. Furthermore, a person who receives a modified sentence shall also receive credit for time served. A hearing is not required unless requested by the petitioner.

The Department of Corrections is also required to compile and distribute a report to the courts on or before August 1, 2019, and every three months thereafter. The report will include and describe persons currently serving a sentence of imprisonment for multiple offenses related to possession of a controlled substance.

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Fiscal Analysis

FY'20 Impact: None

Full Year Impact: None

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