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Bill Analysis

SB 64 amends the sentencing duration for those convicted of domestic abuse resulting in great bodily injury and defines the offense as a violent crime. The measure removes the maximum sentence of 1 year in a county jail. Those convicted of the crime must serve at least 85% of their sentence before they are eligible for parole.

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Fiscal Analysis

FY'20 Impact: Costs to DoC

Full Year Impact: Costs to DoC

In FY18, 440 inmates convicted of domestic assault and battery were received into DOC custody. On average, these inmates had an average sentence length of 1,882 days and served 47.49%. At 85%, inmates would be required to serve 1,600 days. This would be an increase of 706 days/inmate. At medium security this would be \$46.73/day or \$32,991.38 additional cost per inmate (706 x \$46.73). At minimum this would be \$46.45/day or \$32,793.70 additional cost per inmate. It should be noted that placement involves multiple factors other than the inmate's offense type and may be due to factors other than their domestic assault and battery conviction.

Inmates convicted of domestic assault and battery that results in great bodily injury would be a subset of the total convicted of domestic assault and battery. Currently, convictions are not delineated in that way in the Offender Management System. The precise proportion of those convicted of domestic assault and battery whose assaults resulted in great bodily injury cannot be determined within the system at this time.

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