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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a trial judge has discretion to release a person from imprisonment who is convicted of a felony before sentencing, before the offender is placed on probation, or while the case is under appeal. This bill removes the trial judges' discretion in the release of an offender convicted of a Class A or B felony involving a sexual assault during the time period that the case is under appeal.

The Department [DOC] is unable to determine the number of offenders who, having been convicted of one of these offenses, is currently released to the community during the appeal process. It could, however, be assumed that jail costs will increase with the passage of this legislation if more offenders remain in custody pending an appeal than is currently the case.

If an offender is ultimately sentenced to prison after an appeal process, the increased time spent in custody pending the appeal may result in a reduction in the actual time spent in prison on the prison sentence. However, it is not possible to estimate an actual cost impact on the department's prison costs from this legislation. If an offender is ultimately placed on probation for one of these offenses, it is anticipated that there will be no impact on the Department's costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications