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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7524
BILL NUMBER: SB 487

DATE PREPARED: Apr 29, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 1999

SUBJECT: Inmate release procedures.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (CCR Amended) (A) This bill allows the Department of Correction to procure public transportation for a released offender to the Indiana city or town that is nearest to the released offender's designated place of residence. It also provides that a criminal offender is not entitled to receive a payment in lieu of transportation unless the Department provides for the payment in its rules.

(B) This bill provides that a jail inmate may be released to work in a work party formed to do work for the benefit of the community. It also allows the sheriff to require that a jail inmate may be required to wear a distinctive jail uniform when in a work party.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) (A) In allowing the Department to provide public transportation to the city or town nearest to an offender's residence, DOC transportation expenditures would be reduced by an indeterminate amount. Of the 9,550 felons released in CY 1998, 859 were driven by DOC personnel directly to requested destinations.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) (B) The fiscal impact of this provision depends upon the voluntary adoption of county inmate public works crews by sheriffs. (Inmates would not be allowed to work on construction, reconstruction, alteration or renovation of a public structures.) Potential costs include personnel costs for supervision of inmates and uniform costs for inmates. Expenditure savings may occur due to sentence reduction for inmates for credit Class I accumulation. Also, local entities may employ inmates as an alternative workforce to lesson personnel costs for other local governmental services.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: County sheriffs.

Information Sources: Planning Division, Department of Correction.