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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 915
Judiciary

(Washington County Delegation)

Judicial Proceedings

Washington County - Correctional Facility Programs - Participation

This bill alters eligibility criteria for inmates in the custody of the Sheriff of Washington County to participate in a county home detention, work release, or pretrial program. Specifically, under the bill, an inmate is eligible if recommended for such a program by the court and meets eligibility criteria set by the Sheriff. The bill repeals the requirement that the inmate must have no other charges pending in any jurisdiction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. Washington County advises that this bill would allow an increase in the number of inmates put on pretrial release via home detention. The additional fee revenue is estimated at \$5,000 annually.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In order to participate in a home detention, work release, or pretrial program in the county, an inmate must be recommended for participation by a court, meet “established” eligibility criteria, and have no other charges pending in any jurisdiction. An inmate is ineligible for participation if: (1) incarcerated for, or convicted previously of, a crime of violence; or (2) been found guilty of child abuse or escape.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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