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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE BILL 1359 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Walter H. North
Senate Committee: Appropriations
House Committee: Appropriations

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 6/17/02

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ANALYSIS

The bill would amend the Corrections Code to enact parole supervision fee increases that, together with probation supervision fee increases, have been implemented in the current fiscal year under Executive Order 2001-9. Complementary probation fee increases would be enacted by House Bill 5279 as passed by the Senate; that bill currently is on the House calendar under Messages from the Senate.

According to the State Budget Office and the Department of Corrections, the parole and probation fee increases are expected to increase collections by \$843,800 annually. This anticipated increase in revenue is incorporated in the proposed FY 2002-03 budget, which assumes total parole and probation supervision fee revenue of \$13,031,600. By statute, twenty percent of the revenue is set aside into a revolving fund used for collection costs and to enhance parole and probation services. The remainder is applied against the costs of supervision.

There are no statewide data to indicate how collections are distributed between parolees and probationers. However, if the proportion of fee revenue received from parolees corresponds with the proportion of parolees in the supervised population, then the revenue increase under the bill may be estimated to be \$177,200 annually, since parolees constitute about 21 percent of the combined population. In practice, this may overstate somewhat the amount attributable to parolees, since it is reasonable to assume that probationers have a higher level of employment than parolees.

The following table indicates parole and probation supervision fee changes.

PAROLE AND PROBATION SUPERVISION FEES		
Offender's Projected Monthly Income	Prior Monthly Fee	New Fee (EO 2001-9 and bill)
\$0.00 - \$249.99	\$0	\$0
\$250.00 - \$499.99	\$10	\$10
\$500.00 - \$749.99	\$20	\$25
\$750.00 - \$999.99	\$30	\$40
\$1,000 and up	\$30	5% of monthly income, fee not to exceed \$135.00