

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: May 23, 2008
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 1199
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BILL SUMMARY: Crime

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to conduct a study relating to juveniles who have been sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole and to report its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2010.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The bill specifies that the CDCR must use existing resources to conduct the study and prepare the report. The CDCR estimates that these activities will take less than 100 hours of staff time to complete. Therefore, the Department of Finance believes that the one-time study and report can be done within existing resources.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the original version include significant amendments which do not change our position. Specifically, the original version of the bill provided that persons under the age of 18 who committed murder in the first degree would be confined in state prison for 25 years to life, and that the death penalty and life without parole could not be imposed. The May 23, 2008 version requires the CDCR to conduct a study relating to juveniles who have been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

COMMENTS

Existing law provides that a defendant found guilty of murder in the first degree who was 16 years of age or older and under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the crime be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole or, at the discretion of the court, 25 years to life. This bill would require the CDCR to conduct a thorough study of juveniles have been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, as specified, and require the CDCR to report its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2010.

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