

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/30/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2439

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	(\$270,363)	\$0	(\$270,363)	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	(\$270,363)	\$0	(\$270,363)	\$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Senate Bill No. 2439 provides that inmates can earn good-time (performance based sentence reduction) based on the length of their sentence. Under current statute inmates can earn five days good time per month regardless the length of sentence. Under SB 2439 good time can be earned on the same schedule (based on length of sentence) that existed prior to 1991. This change would not significantly affect any one inmate's length of sentence but cummulatively would begin to affect the number of prison beds needed towards the end of the first year of the next biennium. The number of prison beds saved per day average 5 during the first year of the biennium and 17 during the second year of the biennium. During the second year of the next biennium the average number of days sooner that inmates would be released would be approximately 20.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

There will be no effect on revenue.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The increase in good time earned would result in inmates being released somewhat earlier throughout the biennium. Therefore, the need for the Department of Corrections to board inmates in local jails and the private prison in

Appleton, MN would be reduced. It is estimated that net savings in boarding costs would be \$270,363 for each of the next two biennia.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The DOCR appropriation could be reduced by \$270,363 to reflect the savings described above.

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