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Senate Bill 155

Sponsor: Senator Jack Welborn

Committee: Criminal Justice and Urban Affairs

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 155 as introduced 2-16-89:

The bill would amend the Department of Corrections (DOC) Act to impose hiring restrictions on the DOC with regard to individuals who were convicted felons. Under the bill, the DOC could not hire or appoint a person who had been convicted of a felony or who was subject to pending felony charges. The DOC Director could waive the prohibition, however, if both of the following conditions were met:

- The person's final release from incarceration, probation, or parole, whichever was later, occurred at least five years before the date on which he or she applied for the DOC position, and the applicant was not subject to pending felony charges.
- The Director conducted "an extensive and complete investigation" of the person's background, and determined that the employment was appropriate.

A written report, signed by the Director, would have to be made for every investigation that resulted in a determination that employment or appointment was appropriate.

Proposed MCL 791.205a

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: B. Burghardt

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