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Bill Number: H. 3742 Introduced on February 14, 2017

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Subject: Offender Supervision Specialists

Requestor: House Ways and Means

RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

Impact Date: March 9, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds as the bill codifies an existing pilot program.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 14, 2017 State Expenditure

This bill, which relates to employment matters at the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, provides that the agency director may employ offender supervision specialists to oversee the supervision of standard and low-risk offenders. These specialists will have the same duties and authority granted to probation agents but will not have the power to issue an arrest warrant or citation for a violation of supervision conditions nor have the authority to enforce the criminal laws of the State. Duties of the specialists include investigating cases; providing those under supervision with a written statement and instruction of conditions of the probation, parole, or community service; keeping informed with regard to the conduct and condition of each person being supervised; keeping records of supervision work; conducting an actuarial assessment of offender risks and needs; and calculating and awarding compliance credits for those with supervision terms of more than one year. The bill also charges the agency with promulgating regulations on the qualifications for specialists and developing procedures for classifying offenders as standard or low-risk.

Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. The department reports the bill codifies current agency practices utilized in the Offender Supervision Specialist Pilot Program. As such, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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