

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission Members
From: Scott M. Schultz, Executive Director
Date: September 17, 2020
Re: Prison Bed Impact Assessment, **2020 HB 2004 - Increasing good time and program credits for certain offenders.**

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- **Impact on Prison Admissions:** This bill would have **no** impact on prison admissions.
- **Impact on Prison Beds:** This bill would save **86** prison beds in FY 2021 and **564** prison beds in FY 2030.
- **Impact on the Commission Workload:** This bill would result in **no** additional workload of the Commission.

This bill would amend K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6821 by increase the good time for a crime committed on or after July 1, 2020, an amount equal to:

- **25% of the prison part of the sentence for a person felony; and**
- **40% of the prison part of the sentence for a nonperson felony.**

This bill would also increase the amount of program credit from **120 days to 150 days** for inmates successfully completing the programs offered by KDOC.

FINDINGS

- In FY 2020, **1,530 offenders** were directly sentenced to KDOC. Of this number, **845** were convicted of **person felony** and **685** were **nonperson felony**. The severity levels and the average length of prison sentence were:
 - 21 D1 – 104 months,
 - 54 D2 – 75 months,
 - 82 D3 – 59 months,
 - 46 D4 – 32 months,

- 200 D5 – 26 months,
 - 76 N1 – 249 months,
 - 10 N2 - 286 months,
 - 135 N3 – 109 months,
 - 65 N4 – 66 months,
 - 165 N5 – 57 months,
 - 101 N6 – 39 months,
 - 218 N7 – 32 months,
 - 107 N8 – 19 months,
 - 239 N9 – 14 months and
 - 11 N10 – 11 months.
- In FY 2020, 931 (61%) of the **1,530 offenders** were eligible for program credits
 - Based on KDOC FY 2020 release file, the average program credit earned was **112 days**, accounting for **93%** of the maximum 120 days.

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Prison Bed Space Impact Assessment

Fiscal Year	Current Policy Unchanged Beds Needed	Good Time and Program Credits Increased Beds Needed	Beds Saved
2021	1228	1142	86
2022	1993	1816	177
2023	2545	2257	288
2024	2926	2594	332
2025	3293	2916	377
2026	3634	3201	433
2027	3842	3359	483
2027	4066	3525	541
2029	4285	3755	530
2030	4513	3949	564