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 SCH VIIIB-2
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CORRECTIONS, DEPT OF 70000000

PRIORITY SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

At the outset, the Department of Corrections' task is the same as it is for all Florida state agencies. The department must identify potential budget reductions equating to 10% of recurring appropriations. However, three realities must be emphasized:

1. The Department of Corrections is almost completely general revenue funded.
2. The Department of Corrections is already potentially facing a \$145 million projected deficit for fiscal year 2008-2009.
3. Prison construction is a recurring expense for the Department of Corrections.

Department of Corrections' Mission Statement

To protect the public, ensure the safety of department personnel, and provide for the proper care and supervision of all offenders under our jurisdiction, while assisting, as appropriate, their reentry into society.

The Department of Corrections, like other agencies, bears the long-term risk associated with these proposed cuts. However, Floridians bear the immediate risks. This proposal offers a cost-cutting strategy that is consistent with the objective of cutting the approximate \$220 million. More importantly, this proposal is consistent with the mission of the department and its statutory assignments. The department's cost-cutting proposals must respect public safety and be beneficial to the needs of both victims of crime and the successful re-entry of those who are incarcerated for committing crimes.

SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -		
OPERATING		33B0000
PERIODIC LUMP SUM GAIN TIME FOR		
SECURITY OPERATIONS	1	33B0500
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	43,024,872-	1000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

The Department proposes statutory changes to permit the granting of a periodic lump-sum award of 90 days gain time. The award would be made a total of three times, twice in fiscal year 2009-2010 and once in the following fiscal year. However, at no time would the awarding of gain time allow an inmate's release to conflict with Florida's 85% minimum service law. Sex offenders have been excluded from this proposal, such that those offenders could not receive any of the gain time awards.

Section 944.275, F.S., authorizes the department to grant deductions from sentences in the form of gain time in order to encourage satisfactory prisoner behavior, to provide incentive for prisoners to participate in productive activities, and to reward prisoners who perform outstanding deeds or services. This proposal requires a statutory change, which would be applied retroactively to all offenders in the prison system.

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SECURITY OPERATIONS		1		33B0500

Retroactive application should pose no ex post facto, due process or equal protection concerns. Additionally the purpose of this 90-day gain time award must be clearly stated, so as to distinguish itself from other forms of statutorily created gain time and release mechanisms.

Projected Fiscal Impact

End of	Reduction in Population From CJEC	Adjusted Inmate Population	Operating Savings	FCO Savings
FY2009-10	4,878	105,785	\$43,024,871	\$135,370,000

Advantages

1. The proposal remains consistent with Florida's 85% service requirement for all inmates.
2. Sex offenders have been excluded from this proposal, such that those offenders could not receive any gain time.
3. Public safety is not affected to any measurable degree, because this proposal only amounts to a minimal change in the release date for inmates. Essentially, inmates are exiting incarceration as much as 90 days earlier.
4. Inmates serving life sentences are not eligible for gain time (during the portion of time these mandatory sentences are in effect).
5. Just as gain time can be awarded, it can be withheld or forfeited.
6. Overall, eligibility for gain time is not difficult to determine.
7. This proposal good be used one time, if that is sufficient to address budgetary shortfalls.

PERIODIC LUMP SUM GAIN TIME FOR				
INMATE HEALTH SERVICES			3	33B0510
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....		6,724,191-		1000

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In the periodic lump-sum award of 90 days gain time proposal outlined above, the health services program area would generate saving in the other personal services, expenses, inmate health services and drug categories.

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 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFFING 4 33B0520
 GENERAL REVENUE FUND..... 25,014,597- 1000
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The Community Corrections offender population caseload funding is comprised of five (5) budget entities. The current current budget entity population and ratio data is as follows:

Type of Supervision	Active/Active-Suspense Population	Caseload Officers	Recommended Statute Ratio	Actual Ratio
Probation Supervision	108,035	1,051		103:1
Drug Offender Probation	18,110	317	50:1	57:1
Community Control	10,337	399	25:1	26:1
Post Prison Release	12,619	373	40:1	34:1
Pre-Trial Intervention	9,237	47		197:1

A proposed \$25 million reduction would yield the following:

Type of Supervision	Active/Active-Suspense Population	Caseload Officers	Recommended Statute Ratio	Actual Ratio
Probation Supervision	108,035	667		162:1
Drug Offender Probation	18,110	317	50:1	57:1
Community Control	10,337	399	25:1	26:1
Post Prison Release	12,619	373	40:1	34:1
Pre-Trial Intervention	9,237	47		197:1

The net effect is:

- Regular Probation caseload ratio increases to 162:1 vs. 103:1
- Loss of 476 fte's: (304)CPO's, (80) CPSr Officers, (43) CP Supervisors, and (50) WPSO's.
- Salary reduction of \$23.7 million and expense (travel) reduction of \$1.3 million

The above scenario assumes the following:

- Only Regular Probation supervision caseload would be affected
- 9:1 ratio of CP Supervisors to Caseload Officers
- 7:1 ratio of Word Processing Systems Operators (WPSO) to Officers
- An expense reduction for travel allowance of \$3,000 for Officers

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BY FUND TYPE			
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	74,763,660-		1000
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