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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

2026-H 7255

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Date Requested: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Date Due: Saturday, May 30, 2026

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>	<i>Impact on Revenues</i>
FY 2026 \$0	FY 2026 N/A
FY 2027 Indeterminate	FY 2027 N/A
FY 2028 Indeterminate	FY 2028 N/A

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This legislation amends Rhode Island General Laws (R.I.G.L.) § 36-10-9.2 to expand the job classifications within the Department of Corrections (DOC) that are eligible for retirement under the provisions of this section. Specifically, it adds the positions of “Administrator of Community Confinement” and “Home Confinement Coordinator” to those covered under this retirement eligibility framework.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

This act would take effect upon passage. Therefore, no fiscal impact is estimated in FY 2026.

Under current law, members of the Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) who are not covered under the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 36-10-9.2 are eligible to retire upon reaching Social Security retirement age with at least five years of contributory service, with alternative eligibility scenarios based on hire date, age, and length of service.

The classifications included in R.I.G.L. § 36-10-9.2 are eligible for retirement under different criteria, including the ability to retire at age 55 with 25 years of contributory service at the DOC, as outlined in subsection (b)(2).

By adding the positions of Administrator of Community Confinement and Home Confinement Coordinator to this section, this legislation would allow individuals in these roles to become eligible for retirement earlier than they would under standard ERSRI provisions.

At the time of this analysis, there is currently one employee serving in the position of Administrator of Community Confinement who is close to retirement eligibility in terms of hire date, age, and length of service. The Department also indicated that there is currently no employee serving in the position of Home Confinement Coordinator, and there are no immediate plans to establish or fill such a position.

Accordingly, the immediate impact of this legislation would be limited to a single employee, with any additional impact dependent on future staffing changes. The probable outcome is a modest increase in long-term costs for ERSRI payroll contribution rates.



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Comments on Sources of Funds:

The source of funds for the employer contribution for retirement benefits for DOC employees is primarily general revenue. On a statewide basis, these payroll assessments are financed by various sources of funds depending on an employee's payroll charge allocations.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be determined without an actuarial analysis of the affected employee population. Changes to retirement eligibility that allow for earlier benefit collection other than currently assumed may result in an actuarial loss within the ERSRI system. The magnitude of this impact would be dependent on the number, age, and years of services of employees affected by this legislation. As a result, minor but non-negligible increases to employer (State) payroll contributions will likely result.

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