

## HB 1837 -- Compensation for Wrongful Imprisonment

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This bill allows for the compensation of persons who are wrongfully convicted and imprisoned. A state caseworker will arrange for emergency assistance for 30 days upon release from a correctional institution. Within 30 days of release, the caseworker must complete an assessment of loss and needs and a community integration plan. Any award of compensation by the Committee on Compensation for Wrongful Conviction to the released person may be appealed to the Victim's Compensation Board within the Department of Corrections. Compensation includes reasonable and necessary expenses needed to integrate the person back into society and reasonable attorney fees. Eligibility for compensation is prohibited for wrongful imprisonment of crimes where the imprisonment was served concurrently with a sentence for another crime.