



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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LRB Number <b>01-1112/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>SB-129</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Prisoner-telephone solicitors access to information		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill prohibits the Department of Corrections (DOC) from entering into a contract or agreement if a prisoner would have access to "personal information" of an individual and creates disclosure requirements for prisoners who make telephone solicitations or answer toll-free telephone numbers.

Currently, DOC is under contract with one data entry operation at the Racine Correctional Institution and one data entry operation at the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center (REEC). Eighty percent of the work at these sites results in inmate access to information that is defined as personal by SB 129. It is projected that the remaining twenty percent of work would not be sufficient to make these operations viable. Thus these data entry operations will need to be closed and an average of 45 inmates will become idle.

If these operations were closed, based on FY01 data, PRO revenues would decrease by \$140,000 annually. PRO expenditures would be reduced by \$230,500 annually through the elimination of 4.00 FTE, 3 LTEs, supplies and services, and inmate wages.

In addition to data entry, 6 inmates at the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center provided 7,410 hours answering toll-free telephone numbers for various state agencies in fiscal year 2000. The agencies involved were charged the cost of the inmate wages, which varied between \$1.00 and \$2.00 per hour. The revenue for this program always equals the expenditures and does not carry a balance. With the disclosure requirement included in this bill, it is expected that this program would cease. It is not expected that this bill would have any fiscal impact on the department, but would increase inmate idleness.

GPR costs would increase by \$5,500 annually to cover costs for inmate wages who are involuntary unassigned

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		
(FTE Position Changes)			(-4.0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	5,500		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>		<b>\$-230,500</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR	5,500		
FED			
PRO/PRS			-230,500
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			-140,000
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$-140,000</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$-225,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-140,000	\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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