

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Discovery of medical records in criminal cases		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The statutory change made by this bill would increase the speed with which sexual assault and homicide cases would be brought to trial and thus raise the efficiency of the criminal justice system. The principal savings would be in using DA offices' resources, both state and county, more efficiently and in reducing the time a defendant, whether convicted or found innocent, spends in the county jail awaiting trial.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The possibility of a further reduction in the time permitted to produce these records in these serious felony cases should be further explored if the anticipated efficiencies from this bill prove justified by actual practice.