

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number 03-3112/1 | Introduction Number AB-534 | Estimate Type Original |
| Subject Agreements not to prosecute or to amend or dismiss charges | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits a district attorney from deciding not to bring a criminal prosecution or a civil action based on a violation punishable by a forfeiture in exchange for the person making a contribution to organizations or agencies. If district attorneys bring cases to the court system that would not have been brought under current law, then the circuit courts will experience an increased caseload.

It is impossible to predict the number of additional cases that would be brought into the court system, but it does not appear to be significant. Any additional workload that may result would have to be absorbed by existing court staff.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications