

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
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LRB Number 05-1514/1	Introduction Number AB-188
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Subject
 Prohibit computer postings that invite harassment

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

SPD 3/18/2005

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) provides legal representation in criminal cases and other specified proceedings in which the loss of personal liberty or parental rights may occur. For adult clients, the SPD must complete a financial eligibility evaluation before appointing an attorney. SPD services are constitutionally required because in the case types handled by SPD, a defendant without the financial means to hire an attorney has the right to have an attorney appointed. Therefore, any bill that would increase the number of cases handled by SPD would increase SPD costs.

This bill would increase SPD costs because it creates a new criminal offense for which the SPD would provide legal representation. Although we lack any data to determine the number of cases that would be charged, we could track the number of charges under the new law after it takes effect. The counties' sheriff's departments would likely see increased costs for incarceration of persons, both pending disposition of charges and as part of their sentences.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications