

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject First degree sexual assault of a child; sex predator commitments		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

With regard to the elimination of the involuntary commitment for sexually violent persons provisions of this bill, the initial impact, if enacted, upon District Attorney office workload would be minor. First many of this cases are handles by the Department of Justice attorneys. Second this bill would continue all pending cases and would not affect the status of all persons already committed under these statutes.

With regard to the increase by five years in the sentence for having sexual contact with a person who has not attained the age of 13 years, the would be no impact on the workload of district attorneys' offices as it would not change the number of cases received for prosecution, not the likelihood of a case going to trial versus being plead.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In the long run, as current pending Ch. 980 cases are resolved and the number of persons already committed under Ch. 980 decline, the state should consider the need to continue the 2.0 GPR FTE assistant district attorneys operating under s.978.043.