Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-4369/2	Introduction Number AB-944			
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Fiscal Effect				
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a new misdemeanor offense for a person who disrupts a funeral service (or wake) or funeral procession. The bill details the level of noise, the type of displays and the actions that will result in a violation. Violation of the statute would be a Class A misdemeanor, subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 or up to nine months in the county jail or both. Violation of the statute for a second time would be a Class I felony, subject to a \$10,000 fine or up to 3.5 years in prison.

It is impossible to predict how many such crimes will be filed in the circuit court. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. Felony proceedings generally require additional court appearances and more court hearings than misdemeanors. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs is impossible with the data available, but it is likely to have a minor impact on the workload of the circuit courts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications