## Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, there are several possible penalties, including a term of probation, when a person harbors or aids a felon from being apprehended or destroys, alters, hides, disguises, or places false evidence in order to prevent the convicted felon from being apprehended. These prohibitions do not apply to immediate family members.

This bill requires that a person convicted of violating one of these prohibitions be sentenced to a term of imprisonment and the court would no longer be able to place a person on probation for this offense.

The annual cost for community supervision is \$2,000 per year. The annual cost to house an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$27,600. When there is no excess capacity in DOC facilities, as is currently the case, the Department uses contract beds at a rate of \$18,800 annually per person.

Based on recent data for a one year time period, five persons were admitted to prison and 14 to probation for aiding a felon. If it is assumed that 14 additional persons will have to be sentenced to a state prison for at least one year, the increased cost is estimated at \$235,000 (\$18,800 contract bed cost minus \$2000/yr community supervision cost). State costs will also increase if persons serve longer prison terms under the increased maximum sentences.

If some probationers who would have received a jail term as a condition of probation under current law are now sentenced to a state prison local costs will decrease.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**