

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 11-2209/2	Introduction Number SB-131	Estimate Type Original
Description Carrying a concealed weapon if prohibited from possessing a firearm, purchasing a firearm for a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm, and providing a penalty.		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill changes the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class G felony for a person who goes armed with a concealed and dangerous weapon if he or she is ineligible to possess a firearm as indicated by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. If the individual had previously been convicted of a violent offense then it is a mandatory three year prison sentence. This bill also provides Class G felony provisions for persons who knowingly furnishes or purchases a firearm for a person who is ineligible to possess a firearm. This bill is contingent on the enactment of a bill creating the license to carry a concealed weapon.

The Department of Corrections is unable to estimate the number of offenders who will be subject to the new criminal penalty provisions of this bill, and therefore is unable to estimate the state fiscal impact. However, if additional offenders are convicted, the Department will see increased costs.

In FY10 the annual cost of an inmate in a DOC institution was approximately \$32,100. However, when there is excess capacity in DOC facilities, the incremental costs (i.e. food, health care, and clothing) of housing a small number of inmates is approximately \$5,100, based on FY10 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person. The annual cost for community supervision was \$2,800 in FY10.

A local impact will also occur if an adult offender is sentenced to a jail term under the provisions of this bill. A local fiscal impact cannot be estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications