

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 7/16/2013

LRB Number	13-1949/2	Introduction Number	SB-245	Estimate Type	Original
Description Applications for public assistance programs, offenses in public assistance programs, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill moves offenses associated with public assistance programs to the statutory chapter that relates to crimes against government and its administration. Specifically, under this bill, the chapter will contain provisions related to fraud in the following programs: W-2, Medical Assistance, FoodShare, and public assistance. Under this bill, DOJ or a district attorney is authorized to prosecute violations of criminal laws affecting any public assistance program.

If enacted, prosecutors do not believe this bill will have a fiscal impact on their offices. In fact, some anticipate that it could slightly reduce expenses by clarifying the elements needed to prove an offense, thereby saving time and investigative energy.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors do not anticipate a long-range fiscal impact should this bill be enacted.