

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-3216/1	Introduction Number	SB-296	Estimate Type	Original
Description No-knock search warrants					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a law enforcement officer executing a search warrant must knock before entering a premises unless the officer has a reasonable suspicion that knocking and announcing would be dangerous or futile, or will obstruct the effective investigation.

Under the bill, each law enforcement agency is required to develop a written policy on when to request and when to execute a no-knock warrant and under which circumstances an officer may execute a no-knock entry, if the warrant does not specifically permit such an entry; and to submit the policy to the Department of Justice (DOJ). This bill also requires each law enforcement agency to submit to DOJ a report detailed information about search warrants including:

- the number of search warrants executed without knocking, whether or not the search warrant specifically authorized such entry
- the number of search warrants issued that specifically authorized entry without knocking
- the number of search warrants issued that did not specifically authorize entry without knocking
- the number of search warrants issued that did not specifically authorize entry without knocking but that were executed without knocking, along with the circumstances that led to the decision to enter without knocking
- the total number of search warrants issued

The bill has no fiscal impact on the department or local governments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications