

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 15-1421/1	Introduction Number SB-075
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Description
 Possession of dogs by certain felony offenders and providing a penalty

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOC 3/16/2015

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill proposes creating several criminal penalty violations for certain felony offenders who are prohibited from possessing, controlling, or residing with a "vicious dog", as determined by a humane officer or a law enforcement officer under criteria specified in the bill.

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. The precise cost of this legislation will ultimately depend on the number of offenders and the sentencing practices of judges under the new penalty structure.

While it is not possible to estimate the number of individuals that will be convicted of this crime, any increase in the prison population, either through new admissions or longer sentences, would have a financial impact on the Department of Corrections. The average FY14 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$32,800. 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 \$5,700 based on FY14 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person.

If there is a large increase in the number of offenders placed on probation or extended supervision, additional community corrections funding and/or positions may be necessary to handle the population. The average FY14 annual cost to supervise one offender is approximately \$2,800.

The local fiscal impact of the bill cannot be estimated because the Department of Corrections is unable to predict the number of people that will be convicted of this crime and the sentencing practices of judges. Costs at the local level may increase if offenders are placed in jail rather than prison.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications