

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
LRB 99-1407/2
AB 597

Amendment No. if Applicable

- X ORIGINAL UPDATED

 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/96)

Subject
Sex offender registry

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- X GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

s. 20.550 (1)(d)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes various changes to the sex offender registration laws. A couple of the bill's provisions may have a fiscal impact on the State Public Defender's Office (SPD).

First, the bill makes it a crime to knowingly fail (instead of intentionally fail, as is the current law) to comply with the registration requirements. While this offense is currently a misdemeanor, the bill makes it a felony for a second or subsequent offense. Because felony cases are more expensive than misdemeanor cases, this provision of the bill could increase costs to the SPD. The SPD is unable to estimate the costs, however, because it is not known how many people would violate this law a second or subsequent time and, of those who would violate the law, how many would qualify for SPD representation.


Second, the bill eliminates the mandatory registration requirement for juveniles found in need of protection or services (JIPS) for a sex offense and establishes a procedure for DOC to purge such information from the registry. However, the bill specifies that some JIPS juveniles who are currently registering may be required to continue to register if, after a hearing, the court determines that they should continue to register. It's possible that, per ss. 938.23 (3) and (4), Stats., the SPD would represent these JIPS juveniles at these hearings. This could thus increase the SPD's costs. Because it is not known how many of these hearings may take place, the SPD cannot estimate the costs associated with this provision.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Costs are indeterminate at this time. Agency will monitor fiscal effect of bill, if enacted, for future budget considerations.

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