

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATED
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

**Subject**

Minimum sentences for certain sex offenses

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

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

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

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

- 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 provides that if a person is convicted of certain felony sex offenses, the court must sentence the person to at least one year in prison and may not place the person on probation. It is possible that, with a mandatory prison sentence, more defendants charged with the felony sex offenses covered under the bill would opt to have a jury trial instead of resolve their case with a guilty plea, thus increasing costs to the SPD. It is not possible, however, to predict the number of such defendants who would opt to have a jury trial if this bill is enacted. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the SPD's costs, if any, that would be associated with enactment of this bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Indeterminate.

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