1999 Session

FISCAL ESTIMATE

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X ORIGINAL ☐ UPDATED
☐ CORRECTED ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB Number -3496/1

Bill Number SB 292

Amendment No. if Applicable

Administrative Rule Number

Subject
Prisoner reimbursement to counties for booking costs

Fiscal Effect

State: X No State Fiscal Effect

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

☐ Increase Existing Appropriation ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Create New Appropriation

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

☐ Decrease Costs

Local: ☐ No local government costs

1. X Increase Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
3. X Increase Revenues ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenues ☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
☐ Towns ☐ Villages ☐ Cities
X Counties ☐ Others _____
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a county may obtain reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in confining a person. A person sentenced to a county jail or confined in a county jail as a condition of probation may be assessed these charges and the county may make deductions from the prisoner's canteen account.

This bill authorizes counties to recoup the cost of fingerprinting, photographing, assessing and evaluating a person and collecting information from the person at the start of the person's confinement in the jail. If the prisoner has an institutional account, the jailer may deduct any jail processing assessment fees charged to the prisoner. The money collected shall be deposited in the county treasury.

This proposed bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections. If counties begin to charge for booking costs, they will experience increased costs and should also experience increased revenues. The increased costs would be associated with the start-up of a system for assessing a booking fee. There would also be increased costs due to increased collections. It is not possible to determine the likelihood of cost recovery, and therefore it is not possible to calculate the amount of revenue that will be generated by counties. Because each county will experience different cost increases and revenue increases, we are not able to estimate the local government fiscal effect of this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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