

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
CTS 02/12/2002

LRB Number 01-3581/2	Introduction Number SB-253	Estimate Type Original
Subject Judgments in traffic cases and in municipal court		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires a circuit or municipal court when entering judgment, to tell the defendant, or to notify the defendant if he or she is not present in court, that he or she should notify the court if he or she is unable to pay the judgment because of poverty. If the court determines that the defendant is unable to pay it must give the defendant the opportunity to pay the judgment in instalments based on the defendant's income. The bill also provides that if a suspension for failure to pay exists the court must terminate the suspension if the defendant is unable to pay because of poverty and substitute an instalment plan for the payment of the judgment if the defendant has not previously failed to comply with a court-ordered instalment plan.

Most circuit and municipal courts already allow instalment plans for defendants who are unable to pay judgments because of poverty. This bill requires an additional notice to those defendants who do not appear in court. It is not known how often defendants do not appear but it is expected that the notice costs would have to be absorbed by local governments. For those defendants who are under a suspension for failure to pay and seek to terminate the suspension, additional hearings will be required by the courts to determine eligibility and indigency and to establish an instalment plan. It is impossible to predict how many termination of suspensions will be requested.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:		
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$+indeterminate	\$+indeterminate
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
Agency/Prepared By		
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Date		
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