

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **05-3188/1** Introduction Number **AB-728**

Subject
Penalties for intimidating a witness

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Towns Village Cities
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue Counties Others
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law there are several prohibitions and penalties for witness intimidation.

This bill creates another prohibition and penalty for witness intimidation when a person who is charged with a felony intentionally intimidates a witness or a potential witness in connection with a trial, proceeding, or inquiry for that felony. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a Class G felony and may be sentenced to a maximum term of confinement of up to five years and a maximum period of extended supervision of five years.

The Department of Corrections is unable to project the number of offenders who may be subject to the criminal penalty provisions of this bill and is therefore unable to estimate the fiscal impact on state or local government. The FY05 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$26,000 and \$2,000 for a community supervision placement.

A local impact will occur if an offender is sentenced to a jail term.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications