



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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<b>Subject</b> Threats to cause bodily harm		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Current law prohibits certain threats to harm judges, witnesses, or various state employees. Senate Bill 24 creates a crime for making certain threats to harm social service workers, juvenile intake workers, child support workers, or school employees. The Department of Justice (DOJ) periodically prosecutes cases involving threats to judges, witnesses and state employees. Creating a crime for making certain threats to harm social service workers, juvenile intake workers, child support workers, or school employees will result in DOJ prosecuting additional cases.

While it is unknown how many additional cases DOJ would prosecute under Senate Bill 24, it is assumed that the number of additional cases would be relatively small. If the number of new cases is indeed relatively small, it may be possible for DOJ to absorb the additional costs within the agency's budget.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**