

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Special operator licenses and identification cards for persons registered as sex offenders and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently, certain sex offenders are required to register as sex offenders with the Department of Corrections (DOC). Under Assembly Bill 421, if a court orders a person to register the court may also order the person to notify the Department of Transportation (DOT) that they are a sex offender when they apply for a driver's license or a state-issued identification card. DOT then issues a license or card identifying the person as a sex offender.

Under AB 421, when the court orders an offender to notify DOT, the clerk of court forwards a copy of the order to DOC. The bill directs DOC to provide to the Department of Justice (DOJ) information sufficient to identify the persons ordered to notify DOT. The bill further requires, for the purposes of later determining if a person is violating the special driver's license or ID card provisions, DOJ shall, through the Transaction Information for the Management of Enforcement (TIME) System, provide local law enforcement agencies with access to the information provided by DOC.

The TIME System is a computer-based data communications control center managed by DOJ. The control center computers interface law enforcement TIME System terminals to data files and provide the capability to send administrative messages between terminals. The mission of the TIME System is to facilitate the rapid and efficient exchange of factual information between law enforcement agencies.

Currently, when a law enforcement officer runs a "name search" through the TIME System, that officer has access to DOC sex offender records. Under AB 421, DOJ assumes that DOC would add to those sex offender records information relating to the DOT notification requirement. As a result, DOJ may have to make minor TIME System database and information delivery modifications. The department anticipates being able to absorb the costs of these modifications with existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications