



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Crime victim notification procedures					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, victims of crimes may be notified of certain events that occur regarding the person who committed the crime such as hearings for parole, sentence adjustments, conditional release, extended supervision, etc. Generally, in order to receive notification, the victim must have completed a card provided by the district attorney or clerk of courts which is then sent to the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), or the Parole Commission (PC), whichever is appropriate.

Under this bill, unless the victim indicates that he or she does not wish to be notified, the district attorney or clerk of courts must provide the victim with the card, explain the purpose of the card, and assist the victim in filling out the card. Once the card is completed, the district attorney or clerk of courts will send it to the proper recipient, i.e., DOC, DHFS, or PC.

Currently, DHFS provides cards to the district attorney's office for victim notification. Providing cards to all victims who wish to be notified could increase the demand for cards, the additional cost of which is assumed to be negligible and could be absorbed by the department.

DHFS estimates there would be no fiscal impact on local government entities.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications