

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-3681/1	Introduction Number	AB-0558	Estimate Type	Original
Description The possession of a firearm by a person who has committed a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Prosecutors expect a significant fiscal impact on their offices should this bill be enacted. The workload would increase due to:

- (1) an increased number of felonies
- (2) domestic abuse cases would be contested more than they currently are, due to the collateral consequence, which only exists now in federal court and is rarely prosecuted
- (3) many people will seek to re-open old convictions.

Input from prosecutors projected an increase of 20,000 hours of prosecutorial time needed for these cases. In accordance with an LAB study, 1,227 hours are used to estimate time available for prosecutors to prosecute individual cases. 20,000 hours divided by 1,227 hours represents a need of 16.3 additional prosecutors.

Using the current pay range minimum of \$23.673/hour for an ADA, the annual salary equates to approximately \$49,429. Using a full fringe rate of 39.19%, the annual fringe costs would be approximately \$19,371. The salary and fringe cost for each new prosecutor would be approximately \$68,800 per year. The annual cost for 16.3 additional prosecutors would be approximately \$1,121,440.

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Prosecutors anticipate a significant long-term fiscal impact on their offices if this bill is enacted. Please see the narrative above regarding the potential long-term fiscal impact.