

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description An examination of the juvenile in a proceeding for waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

In waiver proceedings where the district attorney or the juvenile alleges the juvenile has a mental illness, psychological or developmental condition, or an alcohol or other drug abuse problem, this bill requires the juvenile court to designate a psychiatrist, psychologist, or another expert appointed by the juvenile court to examine the juvenile and submit a report to the juvenile court.

It is not known which agency the juvenile court will ask to prepare these reports. If the Department of Corrections is required to conduct examinations of certain juveniles, state costs will increase; if counties are requested, local costs will increase. It is not possible to determine how often a district attorney or a juvenile in a waiver proceeding will make allegations that will require the additional examinations.

The extent of the increase or decrease in the number of juveniles who would be granted reverse waiver, though not likely to be significant, cannot be reliably estimated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications