

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 2/2/2012

LRB Number	11-2257/1	Introduction Number	SB-400	Estimate Type	Original
Description Reorganization of chapter 49 of the statutes, changes affecting public assistance programs, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill reorganizes chapter 49, Public Assistance, and creates a new definition for the term "intentional program violation." New criminal offenses will be created by this bill which will require additional investigation and prosecution resources. The investigation and prosecution of governmental fraud cases requires an experienced prosecutor who can process and explain to a jury the financial data proving the offense. Prosecutors believe that this bill will require additional assistant district attorneys (ADAs), but did not specify how many ADAs will be needed or the additional number of hours of investigation and prosecution that will be required due to enactment of this bill; consequently, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors believe this bill will have a long-term fiscal effect on their offices, but did not provide specific data to identify how many additional ADAs will be needed.