

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Relating to: law enforcement officers and firearms in school zones and certain injunctions against law enforcement agencies					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law generally prohibits the possession or discharge of a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school. Exemptions to this law include law enforcement officers acting in their official capacity, and a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon. This bill eliminates the requirement that an officer be acting in an official capacity if he/she is authorized to carry a firearm, is not the subject of a disciplinary action that could result in suspension or loss of law enforcement authority, the officer is qualified to use a firearm, etc. Also exempted from the prohibition are former law enforcement officers who carry identification that states the type of firearm he/she may carry.

Current law also prohibits a person who is subject to a domestic abuse injunction or child abuse injunction from possessing a firearm. Peace officers are exempted while on duty or required to carry a firearm while off duty. Under this bill, a peace officer who violates the prohibition is subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

Because this bill expands the exemption for current and former law enforcement officers to possess firearms within 1,000 feet of a school, prosecutors do not believe it will have a fiscal effect on their offices.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

In accordance with the rationale above, prosecutors do not envision a long-term fiscal impact on District Attorney offices.