

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOC 3/9/2012

LRB Number	11-4005/1	Introduction Number	SB-545	Estimate Type	Original
Description Searches by a law enforcement officer of a person on probation, parole, or extended supervision					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill specifies that a person who is placed on probation or a person who is released from incarceration to parole or extended supervision is subject to having his or her person, residence, and any property under his control searched by a law enforcement officer at any time if the officer reasonably suspects that the person is committing, is about to commit, or has committed a crime or a violation of a condition of probation or release.

The Department is unable to determine the number of searches which may occur if this bill becomes law. The number of convictions or revocations which may occur if this bill becomes law is unclear as well. If additional revocations or convictions were to occur, state costs would increase if additional offenders were admitted or re-admitted to prison.

The average FY11 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$33,500. However, when there is excess capacity in DOC facilities, the incremental costs (i.e. food, health care and clothing) of housing a small number of inmates is approximately \$5,200, based on FY11 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person.

State costs could change if an increased or decreased number of offenders are revoked from supervision. The average FY11 annual cost to supervise one offender is approximately \$2,900.

County jails could experience increased or decreased costs, if an increased or decreased number of offenders are placed into county jail custody. The Department doesn't have any data that would assist us in predicting how many offenders will be convicted under the provisions of the bill and thus it is not possible to estimate the fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications