

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-4160/1	Introduction Number	AB-0776	Estimate Type	Original
Description Child abuse investigations when a court suspects a person of permitting, allowing, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution and consent decrees or deferred prosecution agreements for such a child					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

In lieu of convicting a child for prostitution, this bill allows a court to enter into a consent decree or deferred prosecution agreement placing the child under supervision. If the court suspects that a person has allowed or encouraged the child to engage in prostitution, the court must report the suspicion. The receiving agency must immediately evaluate the report and possibly initiate an investigation to determine if the child is in need of protection or services.

Generally, in situations in which children have engaged in prostitution, District Attorneys (DAs) have not prosecuted the child; rather, they initiate a "Child in Need of Protection or Services" abuse petition in the juvenile system so the child gets the services he/she needs. If appropriate, DAs would consider prosecuting an adult who permitted, allowed, or encourage a child to engage in prostitution. Prosecutors do not anticipate any fiscal effect on their offices should this bill be enacted.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Should this bill be enacted, prosecutors do not anticipate a long-term fiscal impact on their offices.