

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 15-3099/1 | Introduction Number | SB-497 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Using a drone to commit a crime and providing a criminal penalty | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, if a drone is used to commit a crime, the person is subject to increased penalties. If the offense is a misdemeanor, but not a Class A misdemeanor, the person is subject to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a maximum jail term of one year. If the crime is a Class A misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a felony and subject to a \$10,000 fine and up to two years in prison. If the crime is a felony, the fine is increased by up to \$5,000 and the maximum prison term is increased by up to five years.

Prosecutors believe this could have a fiscal impact on their offices because many defendants will request a jury trial if they are facing a felony conviction. Jury trials are very time-consuming. Because there are no data regarding the potential number of violations of this bill, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors believe there could be a long-term fiscal impact on their offices; however, due to a lack of data regarding potential violations of this bill, a long-term fiscal estimate is indeterminate.