

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Causing harm to a child by cosleeping while intoxicated, providing information about safe sleep, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Note: This is a companion bill to SB-46.

Under this bill, no person may injure or kill a child under 12 months of age by cosleeping, while the person is intoxicated, with the child. Under the bill, if the child suffers bodily harm as a consequence, the person is guilty of a Class H felony, if the child suffers great bodily harm as a consequence, the person is guilty of a Class F felony, and if the child dies as a consequence, the person is guilty of a Class D felony.

This bill creates three new criminal offenses; no current law exists addressing this specific offense.

It is not possible to determine the fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections because the proposed bill would create a new population of inmates/offenders and no data exists to estimate how many individuals would be convicted of this crime and sentenced to DOC's institutions or be placed under the DOC's supervision in the community.

State costs could change if an increased or decreased number of offenders are convicted of this crime and placed on probation. If there is a large increase in the number of offenders placed on probation or extended supervision, additional community corrections funding and/or positions may be necessary to handle the population. The average FY14 annual cost to supervise one offender is approximately \$2,800.

The average FY14 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$32,800. 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 \$5,700 based on FY14 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person.

The local fiscal impact of the bill cannot be predicted because the Department of Corrections cannot predict the number of people that will be sentenced and the sentencing practices of judges under the new law. Costs at the local level may increase if offenders are placed in jail rather than prison.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications