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Description Possession of firearms by individuals who commit multiple or violent misdemeanor offenses and providing a criminal penalty						

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, a person may not possess a firearm for 10 years following the most recent criminal conviction if either of the following occurred: the person was convicted of 3 or more misdemeanors within a 5-year period; or, the person was convicted of a violent misdemeanor.

Prosecutors believe this bill will have a substantial impact on misdemeanor prosecutions for a host of "violent misdemeanors" such as battery, harassment, and misdemeanor intimidation of a victim/witness. Individuals who are charged with violent misdemeanors will be more litigious and more likely to contest their cases, making it more difficult to resolve those types of cases, because they could face the prospect of losing their right to possess a firearm for 10 years.

There is insufficient data to estimate how many misdemeanors will be contested; consequently, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

For the reasons cited above, prosecutors anticipate this bill will have a major long-term impact on their workload; however, there is insufficient data with which to estimate increased costs to the District Attorney program. A fiscal estimate is indeterminate.