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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires an investigation following a death that involves a law enforcement officer and outlines specific requirements of the investigation. One requirement is that the investigators provide a report of the investigation to the district attorney of the county in which the death occurred, and that district attorney must determine whether to prosecute the officer. This bill requires instead that the investigators provide the report to the chief judge of the judicial administrative district, and that judge must appoint a special prosecutor who then must determine whether to prosecute the officer.

The DOC cannot predict the state or local fiscal impact of this bill as it is unknown how appointing a special prosecutor to investigate deaths involving a law enforcement officer will affect the number and severity of convictions compared to the current practice of a district attorney investigating a death involving a law enforcement officer.

State costs could change if an increased or decreased number of offenders are convicted and receive a prison sentence. The average FY16 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$32,300. 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 FY16 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person.

State costs could also change if an increased or decreased number of offenders are convicted and receive probation. The average FY16 annual cost to supervise one offender is approximately \$3,000.

County jails could experience increased or decreased costs if more or less offenders receive a jail sentence. The average FY16 annual cost to jail inmates is \$18,800.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications