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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides a mandatory period of 5 years confinement for homicides by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle. A court may order less confinement if the decedent was a passenger in the defendant's car. Data is not readily available as to how frequently the decedent was a passenger in the defendant's automobile.

Generally, the District Attorneys believe that introduction of a mandatory minimum will result in more defendants electing to go to trial rather than plea. Trials are more resource and time intensive than plea hearings. However, creating a mandatory minimum may have a deterrent effect on drunk driving and result in fewer OWI homicides per year. As such, the fiscal effect of this legislation is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is likely that more OWI homicide cases will go to trial, but there may be a reduction in total OWI homicide cases statewide. Long range fiscal impact is indeterminate.