Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-0975/1	Introduction Number	AB-0419	
Description requirement to report lost or stolen firearms and pr	roviding a penalty		
Fiscal Effect		**************************************	
Appropriations Reven	ase Existing absorb within a	s - May be possible to agency's budget \textsquare No	
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrea	sive Mandatory Towns	Government Village Cities Others WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations			
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, a person who owns a firearm that is stolen or missing must report the theft or loss to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of discovering the theft or loss. A person who violates this requirement is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and guilty of a Class I felony for a second or subsequent offense. A person who falsely reports a stolen or lost firearm is guilty of the current-law crime of obstructing an officer and is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 or a sentence of imprisonment of up to nine months, or both.

This bill also requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee a written notice of the requirement, created in this bill, to report a theft or loss of a firearm within 24 hours of discovering it. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime, the Department does not have any data to determine what the fiscal impact would be; the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

If this creation of a new crime would result in changes in the number of individuals sentenced to incarceration in the DOC's institutions and/or changes in the number of individuals sentenced to community supervision, state costs could change.

The average FY18 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$32,700. 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 \$6,600 based on FY18 costs. Should the Department use contract beds, the rate would be approximately \$18,800 annually per person. The average FY18 annual cost to supervise one offender in the community is approximately \$3,200.

County jails could experience increased or decreased costs, as offenders may be sentenced to jail as a condition of probation. The average FY18 annual cost to jail inmates is \$18,800.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications