

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	19-0450/1	Introduction Number	SB-041	Estimate Type	Original
Description civil cause of action for financial exploitation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a civil cause of action for financial exploitation of a vulnerable person. The bill defines the term "vulnerable person," specifies who may bring the civil action, and under what circumstances an action may be brought. Under the bill, a court must award a person who brings a successful action certain damages, attorney fees, and reasonable fees for any conservator or guardian ad litem incurred as a result of the litigation.

Additional court proceedings could be generated under the terms of this bill, but it is impossible to predict how frequently that may happen. Additional proceedings require additional judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. It is expected that existing court staff would be able to absorb any additional costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications