## Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-0182/1	Introduction Number S	B-046				
Description prostitution crime surcharge and making an appropriation						
Fiscal Effect						
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives DA 3/11/2019

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Description						
prostitution crime surcharge and making an appropriation						

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a \$5,000 surcharge to be imposed on persons who are convicted of patronizing or soliciting prostitutes, pandering, or keeping a place of prostitution. Under this bill the surcharge amounts collected are used for treatment and services for sex-trafficking victims and for criminal investigative operations and law enforcement relating to Internet crimes against children.

Responsive District Attorneys, while appreciative of the concept to create a surcharge to pay for treatment and services for sex-trafficking victims, expressed concern as to the amount of the surcharge. A surcharge set at a mandatory \$5,000 may make it more likely that a defendant would set a matter for trial rather than enter a plea. As the surcharge only takes effect if a fine is levied, judges understanding the economic realities of many defendants may be more apt to impose a jail sentence than levy a fine. Additional inmates would increase local government costs.

## Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Data with which to make a long-range fiscal estimate as to the effect of this bill is not available. It is expected that additional prosecutorial resources would be utilized in the District Attorney offices and costs would increase to local governments. The scope of either increase is unknown.