



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>21-0149/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-219</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> conducting juvenile proceedings by telephone or audiovisual means and appearance at any criminal proceeding by telephone or audiovisual means					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate is submitted by the Director of the State Prosecutors Office on behalf of Agency 475 – District Attorneys. This fiscal estimate is responsive only to the fiscal and resource effect of the proposed legislation on the District Attorney program.

Under current law, a court assigned jurisdiction under the Juvenile Justice Code may permit any party to participate in a plea hearing by telephone or live audiovisual means except for a juvenile who intends to admit the facts of a delinquency petition. This bill eliminates that exception.

The bill also specifies that proceedings under the Juvenile Justice Code may be conducted by telephone or live audiovisual means unless good cause to the contrary is shown, and that any action taken by the court or any party in such a proceeding has the same effect as if made in open court.

Current law provides that only certain criminal proceedings may be conducted by telephone or live audiovisual means unless good cause to the contrary is shown, and that any action taken by the court or any party in such a proceeding has the same effect as if made in open court. This bill specifies that any criminal proceeding or any hearing on a motion for an extension of time for a trial involving an interstate detainer may be conducted by telephone or live audiovisual means, unless good cause to the contrary is shown, and that any action taken by the court or any party in such a proceeding has the same effect as if made in open court.

Responsive prosecutors anticipate this bill will allow for more efficient court proceedings and scheduling with some cost savings accrued to local criminal justice partners.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

District Attorney offices do not anticipate significant long-range fiscal impact on their offices resulting from this proposed bill.