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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description expanding the treatment alternatives and diversion programs					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ), in collaboration with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Department of Health Services (DHS), awards grants to counties and tribes that have established qualifying treatment alternatives and diversion (TAD) programs that offer alcohol or drug treatment services as alternatives to prosecution or incarceration in order to reduce recidivism, promote public safety, and reduce prison and jail populations.

Under this bill, a program funded by a TAD grant need not focus solely on alcohol and other drug treatment, but may provide treatment programs for a person who has any mental illness.

Because DOJ funds TAD grants, this bill's changes to the statutory requirements for TAD grants would not have a fiscal impact on DOC. DOC is involved in the TAD grant application approval process through the DOC Secretary's role on the Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, but the department does not anticipate that this bill's changes would necessitate any staffing level changes.

This bill's changes could have a fiscal impact on local governments, as its expansion of permitted TAD programming could result in changes to the TAD grants being awarded to local units of governments, such as for pre-trial diversion programs or adult drug courts. DOC is unable to estimate the potential fiscal impact on local governments due to not knowing how TAD grant applications may change as a result of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications