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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Director of State Courts to provide the Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal charging data in order for DOJ to publish an annual report on its website. The annual report must also be submitted to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

The data the Director of State Courts is required to provide DOJ under the bill includes 1) the county in which charges were filed; 2) the name of the prosecuting attorney assigned to the case; 3)the name of the judge assigned to the case; 4) the criminal charge filed; 5) for each criminal charge filed, whether the judge released the defendant without bail, upon the execution of an unsecured appearance bond, upon the execution of an appearance bond with sufficient solvent sureties, or upon the deposit of cash in lieu of sureties, or denied release under s. 969.035; 6) for each criminal charge for which a judge required the execution of an appearance bond with sufficient solvent sureties, the monetary amount of the bond; 7) for each criminal charge for which a judge required the deposit of cash in lieu of sureties, the monetary amount of cash required; and 8) for each criminal charge filed, any other conditions of release imposed on the defendant.

In order to meet the data reporting requirements of this bill, CCAP will need to expand the capabilities of the Representational State Transfer (REST) service currently in place and used by DOJ and other agencies. Some of the management data elements required under the bill are not included in the REST service; as a result, additional data fields will need to be programmed to provide DOJ with all of the required information. It is estimated that will take approximately three months and two staff members to expand the REST service to meet the new legislative requirements. This will also include providing the CR-203 Bail Bond form to DOJ as part of the data expansion, as the form includes information required to be reported to DOJ. Currently this information is not stored in a manner that makes it easily accessible to DOJ.

The cost to counties is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.