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Causing injury or death after revocation									

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The State Public Defender (SPD) provides legal representation in criminal cases and other specified proceedings in which the loss of personal liberty or parental rights may occur. For adult clients, the SPD must complete a financial eligibility evaluation before appointing an attorney. SPD services are constitutionally required because in the case types handled by SPD, a defendant without the financial means to hire an attorney has the right to have an attorney appointed. Therefore, any bill that would increase the number of cases handled by SPD would increase SPD costs.

This bill creates new felony offenses for causing death or injury while driving after revocation or suspension of operating privileges. Thus, it would increase SPD costs for providing attorneys in the new criminal cases when the defendant is financially eligible for SPD services.

Counties are likely to incur increased costs for incarceration and for appointment of counsel for defendants who exceed SPD financial guidelines, yet are unable to retain an attorney without substantial hardship. Other state agencies may see increased costs related to court proceedings, incarceration, and community supervision.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications