

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-1670/1	Introduction Number AB-0678
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Description
 Collection of fines and forfeitures by counties

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		5.Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill decreases the percentage of penal fines and forfeitures that are deposited in the Common School Fund (Account 744).

Currently, the Common School Fund receives 90% of the penal fines and forfeitures collected in each county. The Fund has received an average of approximately \$8 Million per year in penal fines and forfeitures for the last three years. The bill lowers the percentage of fines that the Fund receives to 80% in most situations. The bill lowers the percentage to 70% in certain aged fines and forfeitures collected during the first year after enactment. This 10% or more reduction of fine and forfeiture revenue will result in decreased revenue to the Fund of approximately \$1 Million per year or more.

The decreased fine and forfeiture revenue accruing to the Common School Fund would in turn result in lower Fund earnings (less principal produces less earnings). The Fund has averaged a return of approximately 5% per year in recent years. Therefore, each \$1 Million reduction in fine and forfeiture revenue would result in approximately \$50,000 less in Public School Library Aid per year.

These reductions in Public School Library Aid are cumulative. Library Aid would be reduced by approximately \$50,000 in the first year, \$100,000 the second year, \$150,000 the third year, etc.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill would decrease the revenue to the Common School Fund (Account 744) by approximately \$1 Million per year or more. This reduction would in turn result in a cumulative reduction in the amount of Public School Library Aid produced and distributed by the Common School Fund. The bill would result in a reduction in Public School Library Aid of approximately \$50,000 the first year, \$100,000 the second year, \$150,000 the third year. For every year that the law was in effect, Public School Library Aid would be reduced by approximately \$50,000 from the previous year.