

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 07-3185/4	Introduction Number AB-0695	Estimate Type Original
Description John Doe proceedings		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If this bill were to be enacted, it is uncertain what the fiscal effect would be on DA offices. DA offices currently are involved in John Doe proceedings; however, this bill has the potential of substantially increasing the number citizen-initiated complaints DAs would be exposed to. To mitigate this increase in the number of complaints, however, the bill allows for DA discretion of whether or not to conduct an investigation of a John Doe complaint or to file a complaint in certain circumstances. It is difficult to estimate the impact of this bill due to the variability in number of John Doe complaints in each prosecutorial unit. It is anticipated that there would be a significant increase in the number of complaints in those counties with DOC and DHFS facilities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is uncertain if there would be a long-range fiscal impact on DA offices if this bill were enacted. A regular review of the data would be recommended.