

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-2267/3	Introduction Number	AB-0340	Estimate Type	Original
Description Restricting access to and limiting information contained in the Consolidated Court Automation Programs and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) system, established by the Director of State Courts, currently includes information on criminal and civil cases filed with the circuit courts. The CCAP system also includes information on family court proceedings, probate proceedings, tax warrants, liens, civil lawsuits, eviction proceedings, and restraining orders. Access to CCAP is free through an Internet web site. CCAP has no limitations on who has access to the information, but certain information is not available to the public.

Under the bill, the director of state courts may not include information about any case or charge until a court enters a finding of guilty in a criminal matter, enters a finding of liability in a civil matter, enters an order of eviction, or issues a restraining order or an injunction against a person.

The bill also limits free access to CCAP to judges, other court officials, law enforcement personnel, attorneys, and accredited journalists. The bill requires that all other persons pay a \$10 annual fee for access to the system. Users are also required under the bill to provide their names and addresses.

The Department of Revenue's collection agents and support staff use CCAP as a resource to verify information, assist taxpayer's with tax warrant questions, update records, and locate current addresses of delinquent taxpayers. Without the ability to obtain certain information from CCAP, the department would have to send letters to taxpayers requesting specific information, increasing the cost to the department. Based on the current departmental statistics, the department will have to annually generate and send an additional 40,000 letters at an annual cost of \$40,000.

In addition, to maintain access to the information that will remain on CCAP under the bill, the department will be required to pay the \$10 annual fee for each employee expected to need access to the CCAP system. This is expected to increase the department's costs by \$8,000 per year.

Total department costs under the bill are estimated to be \$48,000 (GPR) annually.

The Department of Revenue does not have data on the use CCAP by local governments. Thus, the Department is unable to estimate the local fiscal effect of the bill. It may be assumed, however, that local governments would incur additional expenses in accessing CCAP.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$	\$
	State Operations - Other Costs	48,000	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$48,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR	48,000	
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$48,000	\$see text
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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