

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DOC 10/20/2009

LRB Number	09-2011/1	Introduction Number	SB-341	Estimate Type	Original
Description Reckless bodily harm to a child and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law a person convicted of causing great bodily harm to a child under s.948.03(3)(a) is guilty of a Class G felony (maximum of 5 years confinement and 5 years extended supervision).

This bill would change the penalty to a Class E felony (maximum of 10 years confinement and 5 years extended supervision).

In FY08, the Department of Corrections admitted 9 inmates to prison who had been convicted under s.948.03(3)(a). The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on whether an offender would serve a longer term of confinement under this bill than he or she would have under existing criminal penalties.

The average FY09 annual cost for an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$31,800. However, when there is excess capacity in DOC facilities, the incremental costs (i.e. food, health care and clothing) of housing a small number of inmates is approximately \$4,900, based on FY09 costs. When there is no excess capacity in DOC facilities, as is currently the case, the Department uses contract beds at a rate of \$18,800 annually per person.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications