

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 09-4040/1	Introduction Number SB-512
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 The transfer of moneys from the general fund to the utility public benefits fund and the calculation of the low-income assistance fee for the 2010-11 fiscal year

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease 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"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	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
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.475 (1)(s) & 20.505 (3)(r)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB-512 authorizes, under certain circumstances, a transfer of up to \$9,139,700 in FY11 from the general fund to the utility public benefits fund to cover salary and fringe benefit expenses of district attorneys and their employees. The utility public benefits fund would be required to reduce the amount it seeks to recover through utility bills in FY11 by a like amount.

Specifically, SB-512 requires the transfer of up to \$9,139,700 of the amount by which the ending general fund unreserved balance for FY10 exceeds the ending gross balance of the general fund for FY10 as estimated by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau at the passage of 2009 Act 28. The Act 28 amount was estimated to be \$368,881,200. It has since been re-estimated downward to \$305,783,700 in a January 27, 2010 memo from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance. No transfer is authorized unless the FY10 ending balance of the general fund exceeds the original \$368,881,200 estimate.

The amount collected to fund the district attorney expenses is calculated as an addition to the low-income assistance amount so this transfer from the general fund and offsetting reduction of collections through utility bills would have no net effect on the level of low-income assistance payments funded by the utility public benefits fund. The GPR transfer would, however, eliminate the amount added to utility bills for district attorney expenses.

While the bill would not impact the low-income assistance program, it could reduce the general fund balance by the \$9,139,700 transferred to the utility public benefits fund. Further, SB-512 requires that this transfer be made prior to any transfer to the budget stabilization fund.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None, as the bill directs a one-time transfer.