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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under this bill, a person convicted on two separate occasions of a felony or misdemeanor, which was subject to the domestic abuse surcharge (for repeated domestic abuse) within the preceding ten years, will be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment that may be increased by up to two years. In addition, the status of the crime changes from misdemeanor to felony.

A mixed response was received from prosecutors concerning this bill's potential fiscal impact on District Attorney (DA) offices. Some prosecutors do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact as a result of this bill. Others, however, believe there could be a significant fiscal impact because every misdemeanor domestic abuse case has the potential of being a felony charge and/or serving as a basis for a future felony charge. Because of the domestic abuse surcharge, which can increase the time of imprisonment, prosecutors envision that more offenses will be litigated, which would result in increased demand on prosecutors' time. Data is unavailable regarding how many repeat domestic abuse cases occur within a 10-year period.

Due to a lack of consensus among prosecutors, and a lack of data pertinent to this bill, it is impractical to provide a potential fiscal estimate for this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Please see the discussion above regarding fiscal implications of this bill.