

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3913/1	Introduction Number	AB-0818	Estimate Type	Original
Description Expunging a court record of an offense committed before the offender reaches the age of 25					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a person commits a crime for which the maximum term of imprisonment is six years or less before he or she reaches the age of 25, a court may at the time of sentencing order that the court's record of the crime and conviction be expunged when the person successfully completes his or her sentence if the court finds that expunging the record will benefit the person and will not harm society. Under proposed legislation, the court is allowed to order at any time such a record expunged after the person completes his or her sentence instead of just at sentencing.

The Department is responsible for entering amended orders for probationers into the Department's database. Under the proposed legislation, there will likely be an increase in the number of amended orders that would need to be entered.

The amount of time required to process orders at the county level would also likely increase under this bill. There would be additional requests made for records to be expunged, and additional copy work of court files would also be required.

Since it is not possible to project how many additional expungement requests and/or orders would need to be processed by the Department or by counties, it is not possible to determine the state or local cost increases resulting from this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications