

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-1917/1	Introduction Number	AB-0090	Estimate Type	Original
Description acts for which a juvenile may be placed in correctional placement or the Serious Juvenile Offender Program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the acts for which a juvenile may be placed in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program (SJOP) or in a juvenile correctional facility or secured residential care center under the Juvenile Justice Code. Under the bill, a juvenile may be placed in a SJOP for any act that would be a felony if committed by an adult. Additionally, this bill expands the list of acts constituting prima facie evidence that a juvenile is a danger to the public and in need of a restrictive placement to any act that would be a felony if committed by an adult.

There is no fiscal effect for the Department of Children and Families based on the fact that Department of Corrections (DOC) bears the cost of juveniles placed in the SJOP and as such any increase in SJOP placements that would result due to this bill would manifest as cost increases to DOC.

Furthermore, counties currently bear the financial cost of services (e.g., placement at juvenile correctional institution, detention centers, congregate care settings, and/or foster care and treatment services) for the juveniles affected by this bill. For this reason, this bill shifts costs for this set of juveniles from counties to the state and creates a fiscal incentive for counties to sentence juveniles under the expanded SJO program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications