

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 17-4579/1		Introduction Number SB-542	
Description criminal penalties for fraud in obtaining unemployment insurance benefits and providing a criminal penalty			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<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	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<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"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cities			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DA 12/4/2017

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law establishes penalties for certain violations under the unemployment insurance (UI) law, including for knowingly making a false statement or representation to obtain any UI benefit payment, for which the penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. Current law provides that each such false statement or representation constitutes a separate offense. This bill instead provides that a person who knowingly makes a false statement or representation to obtain any UI benefit payment: 1) if the value of any benefits obtained does not exceed \$2,500, is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 9 months, or both; 2) if the value of any benefits obtained exceeds \$2,500 but does not exceed \$5,000, is guilty of a Class I felony; 3) if the value of any benefits obtained exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$10,000, is guilty of a Class H felony; or 4) if the value of any benefits obtained exceeds \$10,000, is guilty of a Class G felony. The bill provides that multiple violations may be prosecuted as a single crime.

District Attorneys indicated there would be a slight increase in time and resources as a result of this legislation because when an offense is elevated to a felony there is at least one additional hearing for which prosecutors must prepare and attend. The fiscal impact is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The long-range fiscal implications of this legislation on district attorney offices are indeterminate.