

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number | 23-1843/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0079 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description prostitution crime surcharge and making an appropriation | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate is submitted by the Director of the State Prosecutors Office on behalf of Agency 475 – District Attorneys. This fiscal estimate is responsive only to the fiscal and resource effect of the proposed legislation on the District Attorney program.

This bill creates a \$5,000 surcharge to be imposed on persons who are convicted of patronizing or soliciting prostitutes, pandering, or keeping a place of prostitution. Under the bill, the surcharge amounts collected are used for treatment and services for sex trafficking victims and for criminal investigative operations and law enforcement relating to Internet crimes against children.

Responsive prosecutors indicated that a \$5000 mandatory surcharge would serve as a significant disincentive to defendants to resolve their case via plea agreement. Accordingly, the agency would anticipate that more of these types of cases would require trial by jury, thus increasing the workload of the DA offices.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Introduction of a \$5000 surcharge would result in fewer prostitution type cases resolving via plea agreement, increasing the workload of the DA offices.