

Fiscal Note

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Title: CRIMES; VICTIMS; CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: House Judiciary Committee

Department: Department of Corrections
Appropriation: Administration and Support
Allocation: Office of the Commissioner
OMB Component Number: 694

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated to reflect amended sections which require program development by DOC.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill adds probation and parole officers to the crime of sexual assault in the 3rd and 4th degrees if they engage in certain sexual conduct with their probationers or parolees. This addition to AS 11.41.425(a) and AS 11.41.427(a) will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections (DOC).

In addition, this bill does not allow a person to contact a victim or witness if they are under official detention or if they have been ordered not to contact the victim or witness as a condition of parole. This section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill also requires a person who has been arrested for a violation of a condition of release associated with a crime of domestic violence to appear before a judge before they can be released. This does not present a measureable adjustment to current DOC practices and will not have a fiscal impact on the Department.

Further, the bill sets limits on the amount of time a defendant has to request credit for time served in a treatment facility. This will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

The bill also removes the statute of limitations on distribution of child pornography, sex trafficking (unclassified, class A, or perpetrated against someone who is under the age of 20), and human trafficking. The current statute of limitations for these crimes is ten years. The number of prosecutions that this change will allow is minimal and this section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill requires DOC, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to develop a monitoring program for people who are out on bail for stalking or domestic violence which includes a global positioning device or similar technology. The development of this program will not have a fiscal impact on DOC. However, costs will be incurred by the implementation of such a program.

Additionally, the bill disallows a suspended imposition of sentence for sex trafficking crimes. Currently, suspended impositions of sentences are not used in such convictions and, therefore, this section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill also requires defendants who have been convicted of more than one count of possession or distribution of child pornography to serve some consecutive time for each count. "Some consecutive time" could be as little as one additional day. Over the past 4 years, the average number of counts a person has been convicted of for these offenses has ranged from 1 to 10. Additional time for convictions within this count range would not have a fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill heightens the importance of victim's impact statements by requiring that they be included in presentence reports unless it can be explained why the victim could not be interviewed. This is consistent with current DOC practices and will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

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Analysis Continued

The bill also disallows good time for those who have committed a sexual felony (unclassified or class A). Good time is time that can be deducted from a person's sentence if they follow the rules of the correctional facility where they are being housed. Good time is fluid and based on many different factors which can have a pronounced effect on a person's sentence. Currently, all offenses eligible for good time may receive a 33% reduction in sentence length. However, there are many aggravating circumstances which may prevent the full application of good time. The total time that each offender serves is calculated on an individual basis. The Department is unable to quantify the amount of additional time that this will add to each offender's sentence, but will closely monitor the future fiscal impacts of this legislation.