

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 11
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HB011SS-DHSS-FLSW-3-13-15
Title: NO INTERNET ACCESS TO SOME CRIM. CASES
Sponsor: WILSON
Requester: House Judiciary Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Children's Services
Allocation: Front Line Social Workers
OMB Component Number: 2305

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services	664.0		664.0	664.0	664.0	664.0	664.0
Travel	24.0		24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
Services	70.3		70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3
Commodities	3.2		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Capital Outlay	55.2		55.2	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.2
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	816.7	0.0	816.7	816.7	816.7	816.7	816.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts	163.3		163.3	163.3	163.3	163.3	163.3
1003 G/F Match	653.4		653.4	653.4	653.4	653.4	653.4
Total	816.7	0.0	816.7	816.7	816.7	816.7	816.7

Positions

Full-time	8.0		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
---------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

This fiscal note is accurate to this version of the bill.

Prepared By: Christy Lawton
Division: Office of Children's Services
Approved By: Sarah Woods, Deputy Director Finance & Management Services
Agency: Health & Social Services

Phone: (907)451-2096
Date: 03/13/2015 11:50 AM
Date: 03/13/15

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB011

Analysis

This bill would make confidential criminal charges that have been acquitted and/or dismissed, in their entirety.

Currently, all records of dismissed and acquitted charges are available online in the publicly accessible database, CourtView. This bill would provide a protection of privacy and due process rights for the public, removing from the internet records pertaining to criminal charges, in which all charges are dismissed and/or acquitted; making them inaccessible through the Internet.

Access to such records is essential for employees who are responsible for the health, safety, welfare, or placement of a child, a person with a physical or intellectual disability or a person with mental illness. This bill would remove statewide access to these documents through the Internet, access which is essential to provide for the State of Alaska's ability to assess for and provide for safety of children and vulnerable populations. As written, in order to access these records, the Department would have to add 8 new positions; dedicate staff across the state that would physically go to the courthouse and request the records. Records would no longer be accessible statewide; cases which are not local to that courthouse would be inaccessible. Further, access to physical case records from rural communities would be even more challenging. These changes would create insurmountable challenges for the Department when trying to quickly gather and make assessments for safety. For example, a family could have a long history of domestic violence charges that had been dismissed or acquitted. This historical information, indicative of a safety concern, is crucial information that would be inaccessible by the Department, but is essential when making placement decisions on behalf of a child in need of aid.

This Bill could also impact the timeliness of a background check if there were discrepancies between the Alaska Public Safety Information Network criminal history information and Courtview information. If such a discrepancy arose, applicants for employment subject to background checks through Health Care Services would be required to provide court documents verifying conditions around the dismissal or the Health Care Services Background Check staff would have to obtain the court records. This could create delays, or barriers, to employment.

Assumptions: - Costs for full 12 months; based on SFY2015 Salary schedule on an average statewide level; federal match rate will be blended 20/80.

Assumption for Costs: - services will be \$7,800 per PCN each year for IT, telecommunications, phones and utilities; services - lease each year will be \$982 per PCN; commodities will be \$400 per PCN each year for general office supplies; equipment - for every 20 PCN a multi-function printer at \$10k; equipment costs of \$6.4k for each PCN to set up workstation, furniture, computer, software, phone and supplies.