

Fiscal Note

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Title: SYNTHETIC DRUGS
Sponsor: MILLETT
Requester: House Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 (FY2014) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) 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? N/A
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill amends Title 17, which addresses regulation of food, drugs and controlled substances, by adding a new chapter. The new chapter would define and regulate illicit synthetic drugs.

The definition of what constitutes an illicit synthetic drug includes very broad descriptive terms which might raise constitutional questions or challenges in an actual case.

By making the violation of the new law a criminal offense, the bill would impact the operations of the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) and the Public Defender Agency (PD) by increasing the defense attorneys' caseloads appointed by the courts to represent indigent persons charged with those offenses.

The Office of Public Advocacy cannot accurately predict the fiscal impact of this legislation and therefore submits a indeterminate fiscal note.