

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB091SS-DHSS-PAFS-2-12-16
Title: OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE;
CORRECTIONS
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: Senate STA

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Assistance
Allocation: Public Assistance Field Services
OMB Component Number: 236

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency:	Health and Social Services		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Section 133 of this proposed legislation adds a new provision to AS 47.27.015 that would disallow a convicted drug felon from receiving either Alaska Temporary Assistance benefits or Food Stamp benefits through the Division of Public Assistance, unless at least one of three criteria is met:

The individual:

- (1) is satisfactorily serving, or has successfully completed, a period of probation or parole;
- (2) is in the process of serving, or has successfully completed, mandatory participation in a drug or alcohol treatment program; or
- (3) has taken action toward rehabilitation, including participation in a drug or alcohol treatment program.

The Division submits a \$0 fiscal note based on an expectation of no additional administrative costs associated with this provision of SB91.

The Alaska Food Stamp Program provides food benefits to low-income households. The federal government funds 100% of the Food Stamp benefit, while the State pays half the costs of operating the Food Stamp Program in Alaska. Presently, if a family applies for Food Stamps and one of the parents is a drug felon, the eligibility determination for the family takes into account the parent's income and resources, but no additional benefits are issued for the drug felon. If the Food Stamp application is for a single person and that person is a drug felon, the application is currently denied. If SB 91 passes, the division will authorize Food Stamp benefits instead of denying the applications, after the same typical review process; no additional administrative burden is associated with passage of this bill. The Food Stamp benefit itself is directly federally funded, outside the Division's operating budget.

The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) presents a different scenario. ATAP provides cash assistance and work services to low-income families with children to help them with basic needs while they work toward becoming self-sufficient. The proposed change is not anticipated to impact either ATAP case load or associated administrative costs.