

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version: CSHB 3 (JUD)

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**STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act relating to controlled substances and to the possession of certain chemicals"
 Sponsor: Representative Brice
 Requestor: (H) FIN

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component: Public Defender Agency
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	**	**	**	**	**	**
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	**	**	**	**	**	**
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	**	**	**	**	**	**
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	**	**	**	**	**	**

FUND SOURCE:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	**	**	**	**	**	**
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
OTHER						
TOTAL	**	**	**	**	**	**

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached.

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 Agency: Department of Administration

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ANALYSIS: (continued)

This bill increases the level of offense for manufacturing methamphetamine. Under current law it is a class B felony. (Methamphetamine is classified as a "Schedule IIA" controlled substance. Manufacture or delivery of Schedule IIA substances has traditionally been a class B felony.) Under Section 1 of the bill, manufacturing methamphetamine would be a class A felony.

The bill also makes it a class A felony offense to manufacture or possess with intent to manufacture "immediate precursors" of methamphetamine. Finally, Section 1 makes it a class A felony to possess "listed chemicals" that can be used in manufacturing methamphetamine. Possession of "precursor chemicals" is already a violation of federal statutes. See 21 U.S.C. § 841(d). This bill would, for the first time, make possession of such chemicals illegal under state law. The "listed chemicals" are not controlled substances. Many of them, such as acetone or iodine, are common and often used for legal purposes. The state would have to prove that the possession was with intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

The Public Defender Agency (PDA) does not have information on how many new prosecutions would result if this law is passed or how many cases PDA would be appointed to. However, PDA has to assume that there would be additional cases if this bill is passed and the law is enforced by police and prosecutors. Therefore, an indeterminate fiscal note is being submitted.