

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 2
Bill Version: CSB 11 (Jud)
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Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to good time credits for prisoners serving sentences for certain murders..."
Sponsor: Senator Donley
Requestor: (S) JUD

Department Affected: Administration
BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services
Component: Public Defender Agency

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE:	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
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:

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This bill reduces good time credits available for defendants convicted of murder in the first degree, attempted first degree murder, or conspiracy to commit first degree murder. The bill provides that prisoners convicted of these offenses are only entitled to one-half the good time credits "provided to other prisoners."

This bill may have a fiscal impact on the Alaska Public Defender Agency. There may be litigation on whether this bill violates equal protection of the laws under the Alaska or United States Constitution. In the past, Alaska courts have found that laws singling out particular offenses (rather than classes of offenses) for disparate treatment violate equal protection. Also, it may be that more cases will be contested because of the increased penalties. However, the impact is not quantifiable. Therefore, the Public Defender Agency is submitting an indeterminate fiscal note.

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