

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: CSSB 11 (JUD)
 (H) Publish Date: 5/13/99

Revision Date: 2/24/99
 Title: "An Act relating to good time credits for prisoners
 serving sentences for certain murders..."
 Sponsor: Senator Donley
 Requestor: (S) FIN

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

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	**	**	**	**	**	**
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	**	**	**	**	**	**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	**	**	**	**	**	**
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	**	**	**	**	**	**
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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 99) cost: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

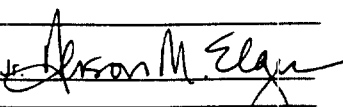
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) This bill reduces good time credits available for defendants convicted of murder in the first or second degree. 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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