

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Title "An act relating to sex trafficking and DVSA crimes" Appropriation Admin and Support
 Allocation Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor Rules Committee
 Requester Governor OMB Component Number 694

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY14 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY14 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL		***	***	***	***	***	***	***

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

CHANGE IN REVENUES								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY13) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY14) costs 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? _____ Discuss details in analysis section.

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This is the original version of the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #3

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Analysis

This bill adds probation and parole officers to the crime of sexual assault in the 3rd and 4th degrees if they engage in certain sexual conduct with their probationers or parolees. This addition to AS 11.41.425(a) and AS 11.41.427(a) will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections (DOC).

The bill adds contact of a victim or witness while under official detention to the crime of unlawful contact in the 1st degree. This section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill also requires a person who has been arrested for a violation of a condition of release associated with a crime of domestic violence appear before a judge before they can be released. This does not present a measureable adjustment to current DOC practices and will not have a fiscal impact on the Department.

Further, the bill requires a defendant who is requesting credit for time served, to submit the request to the court no later than 10 days before the sentencing or disposition hearing. This will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

The bill also removes the statute of limitations on distribution of child pornography, sex trafficking (unclassified, class A, or perpetrated against someone who is under the age of 20), and human trafficking. The current statute of limitations for these crimes is ten years. The number of prosecutions that this change will allow is minimal and this section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

Additionally, the bill disallows a suspended imposition of sentence for sex trafficking crimes. Currently, suspended impositions of sentences are not used in such convictions and, therefore, this section will have no fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill also requires defendants who have been convicted of more than one count of possession or distribution of child pornography to serve some consecutive time for each count. "Some consecutive time" could be as little as one additional day. Over the past 4 years, the average number of counts a person has been convicted of for these offenses has ranged from 1 to 10. Additional time for convictions within this count range would not have a fiscal impact on DOC.

The bill heightens the importance of victim's impact statements by requiring that they be included in presentence reports unless it can be explained why the victim could not be interviewed. This is consistent with current DOC practices and will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

The bill also disallows good time for those who have committed a sexual felony (unclassified or class A). Good time is time that can be deducted from a person's sentence if they follow the rules of the correctional facility where they are being housed. Good time is fluid and is based on many different factors which can have a pronounced effect on a person's sentence. Currently, all offenses eligible for good time may receive a 33% reduction in sentence length. However, there are many aggravating circumstances which may prevent the full application of good time. The total time that each offender serves is calculated on an individual basis. The Department is unable to quantify the amount of additional time that this will add to each offender's sentence, but will closely monitor the future fiscal impacts of this legislation.