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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0083 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Involuntary Manslaughter
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: February 16, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Pending	\$0
Other and Federal	Pending	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

Given that RFA is currently waiting on responses from several agencies, the fiscal impact of this bill is pending.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill adds to the offenses that may be considered cases of involuntary manslaughter the unlawful sale or delivery of a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or other unlawful substance when the ingestion of such substance has caused the death of a user. It also increases the imprisonment time for those convicted of involuntary manslaughter from not more than five years to not more than fifteen years.

Judicial Department. This bill expands the definition of involuntary manslaughter to include the unlawful sale or delivery of a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or other unlawful substance when the ingestion of such substance has caused the death of a user. The department reports that during FY 2015-16, there were nine convictions for non-traffic related involuntary manslaughter and 3,365 convictions for drug offenses that included distribution, sale, and possession with intent to distribute. Due to the expansion of the definition of involuntary manslaughter, additional hearings and trials could be held in general sessions court and lead to a backlog of cases. While there is no data available to indicate the number of additional hearings or trials which may result, the department can manage any additional costs within current resources.

Administrative Law Court. A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

Prosecution Coordination Commission. A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

Department of Corrections. A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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