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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0504	Introduced on March 26, 2025
Subject:	Distribution of Controlled Substance within Proximity	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	March 3, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill makes it unlawful for a person to distribute a controlled substance within the proximity of a childcare facility or day program.

This bill may result in an increase in court cases and potentially the length of time for incarcerations, which may increase the workload of the court system and the Commission of Indigent Defense (CID), the Commission on Prosecution Coordination (CPC), the Department of Corrections (Corrections), and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP). Judicial anticipates that the potential impact of the caseload in court can be managed within existing appropriations. Additionally, the potential increase in expenses for each agency will depend upon the increase in the number of cases and number of incarcerations. These agencies anticipate that the potential increase in workload can be managed within existing appropriations. However, Judicial and each of the agencies indicated that if this bill results in a significant increase in expenses, additional General Fund appropriations will be requested. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2024-25, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,503, of which \$35,696 was state funded.

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined increase to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the increase in fine collections by the court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on March 26, 2025

State Expenditure

This bill makes it unlawful for a person to distribute a controlled substance within the proximity of a childcare facility or day program. Currently, it is unlawful for a person to knowingly distribute a controlled substance within a one-half mile radius of a school, public playground or park and other similar location.

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existing appropriations. Additionally, the potential increase in expenses for each agency will depend upon the increase in the number of cases and number of incarcerations. These agencies anticipate that the potential increase in caseload can be managed within existing appropriations. However, Judicial and each of the agencies indicated that if this bill results in a significant increase in expenses, additional General Fund appropriations will be requested. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2024-25, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,503, of which \$35,696 was state funded.

State Revenue

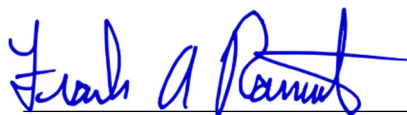
This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in a change to the General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court since it increases penalties associated with trespassing convictions. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. RFA anticipates this bill may result in a change to local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.



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