

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0939-01  
Bill No.: HB 525  
Subject: Courts; Drugs and Controlled Substances  
Type: Original  
Date: April 7, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal specifies that drug courts shall be established by every circuit court.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(Could exceed \$123,800)	(Could exceed \$123,800)	(Could exceed \$123,800)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$123,800)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$123,800)</b>	<b>(Could exceed \$123,800)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** assume the proposed legislation specifies that drug courts shall be established by every circuit court. There are currently two circuits (26<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup>) that offer no drug court services. The cost per person is \$6,190 for each recipient of drug court services. If there were 10 recipients, it would cost \$61,900. The cost per drug court would be \$0 to \$61,900 depending on the number of recipients. Any additional recipients above ten would be \$6,190 per recipient. This could apply to either and or both of the circuits that do not currently offer drug court services.

**Oversight** notes that the budget submission for the Judiciary reflects statewide costs of \$6.9 million for Drug Courts, of which \$6.7 million is for Professional Services and \$.2 million is for FTE. Oversight will utilize OSCA's estimate of \$61,900 per circuit x 2 additional circuits, but will also assume that actual costs could exceed those estimates.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs - OSCA - drug court services offered for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> circuits</u>	<u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u>	<u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u>	<u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u></b>	<b><u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u></b>	<b><u>(Could exceed \$123,800)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

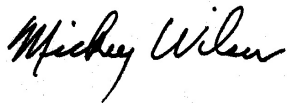
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill specifies that every circuit court must establish a drug court to provide an alternative for the judicial system to dispose of cases which stem from drug use.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator



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