

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO. 3156-02  
BILL NO. Perfected SB 892  
SUBJECT: Prisons and Jails; Health Care, Counties  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: April 18, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,500,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses  
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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would require the state to reimburse counties for medical expenses paid for convicted inmates' care during jail stay. The general rule has been that, when the state has a statutory obligation to pay, and there is no clear agency responsibility, it becomes an Office of Administration function.

Officials from the **Office of Administration** assume, based on information obtained from the Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center, approximately 15,000 prisoners were received by the state from counties during 1999. It is assumed that at any given time, there may be as many as 15,000 prisoners held in county jails on state charges that may be found guilty; the state will be liable for costs. It is not known what the average cost of medical services provided to such prisoners might be. A conservative estimate of \$100 per prisoner would increase the state's annual criminal bill of cost payment by \$1,500,000.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility** assume 10% of their patients represent state offenders being held by the county. During 1999, the cost of health services for the facility totaled \$3,012,342. **Oversight** assumes the costs to treat state offenders at the St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility (\$301,234) are included in the estimate provided by the Office of Administration.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
	(10 Mo.)		

**GENERAL REVENUE**

<u>Costs - Office of Administration</u>			
Medical Expenses	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
	(10 Mo.)		

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

<u>Income - Medical Expense Reimbursements</u>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would require the state to pay counties for health care costs of state prisoners.

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 Administration  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of Attorney General  
St. Louis County Correctional Medical Facility



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