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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0286-01
Bill No.: HB 70
Subject: Department of Corrections; Prisons and Jails
Type: Original
Date: January 16, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits two-way telecommunications devices and their component parts in correctional centers and jails.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§221.111 - Two-way telecommunications devices in correctional centers and jails

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state this proposal modifies the offense of possession of unlawful items in a prison or jail to include any two-way telecommunications device or its components, which would be a class E felony offense. In addition, this proposal creates a class A misdemeanor offense for any person who is not an offender, possesses a two-way communication device or its component parts, and is not intending to conceal, deliver or deposit for another but refuses to comply with orders to surrender the device.

The DOC states there may be some impact, but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Oversight contacted the DOC regarding the number of conduct violations that involved cell phones over the past six years. The six-average was approximately 30 violations annually. Currently, the violation is a minor violation-confiscation, and the offender spends up to 20 days in disciplinary segregation and loss of privileges. With the passage of this bill, courts would make the determination as to any extra time imposed on the offender's sentence. If the court decides the sentence will run concurrently with the sentence the offender is already serving, the offender's time in prison or on parole would not be extended. However, if the offender now must serve additional time at the end of his or her scheduled sentence, this would (at some point depending on when the prisoner would have been released if not for this new charge) increase the prison population and result in additional costs for DOC. Based on this information, Oversight assumes the impact to the General Revenue Fund will be \$0 to (Unknown) depending on the decision of the courts.

Oversight notes that the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol, Office of Prosecution Services, Office of State Courts Administrator** and **State Public Defender's Office** have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - DOC (\$221.111)</u>			
Increased incarceration costs	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<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

Currently, it is unlawful to possess, deliver, deposit, or conceal certain items in a prison or jail. This bill adds two-way telecommunications devices and their component parts to the list of prohibited items.

This bill provides that the prohibition on telecommunications devices does not apply to law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in their duties or any person who is authorized to use such a device in the facility. However, the bill prohibits any such person from knowingly delivering, attempting to deliver, or depositing a two-way telecommunications device or its component parts to any inmate, prisoner, or detainee. The bill specifies persons to whom the provisions of the bill do not apply.

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

Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety -
 Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
State Public Defender's Office



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