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Bill 14

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System Interim Study Committee Bill Request

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BILL TOPIC: CCJJ CRIMINAL SENTENCING STUDY

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$93,000</u>	
General Fund	93,000	
Appropriation Required: \$93,000 - Department of Public Safety (FY 2018-19).		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Requested by the Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System Interim Study Committee, this bill requires the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) to contract for a study on best practices in criminal sentencing. The study must be completed by July 1, 2019. The CCJJ must establish an advisory committee to review the study and make recommendations to the full commission for criminal sentencing changes in Colorado.

Background

The CCJJ was established under House Bill 17-1358 and consists of 26 members and one ex-officio member. Members include representation from the departments of Corrections, Higher Education, Human Services, and Public Safety; the Attorney General's Office; private defense attorneys; victims' rights organizations; chiefs of police; State Board of Parole; Juvenile Parole Board; the State Public Defender; the State Legislature; mental health treatment providers; criminal defense; juvenile justice; the Colorado State Judicial system; county sheriffs; community corrections; district attorneys; and county commissioners.

The CCJJ's purpose is to identify and prioritize problems, issues, and opportunities, and to offer solutions and recommendations related to the criminal justice system. It currently has four subgroups: a legislative subcommittee, a collateral consequences subcommittee, a mental health in jails taskforce, and a pretrial release taskforce.

State Expenditures

The bill requires one-time state General Fund expenditures of \$93,000 in FY 2018-19 only. This cost represents \$15,000 for report design, printing, and distribution; and \$78,000 for a consultant to conduct the study and work with the CCJJ's advisory committee. Study costs assume a contractor rate of \$650 per day, which is consistent with the U.S. Department of Justice's daily contractor fee, and approximately 960 hours of work.

In addition to these costs, workload will increase for members who are appointed to serve on the advisory committee. This increase is assumed to be accomplished within existing workloads.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

The bill requires an appropriation of \$93,000 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for allocation to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

State and Local Government Contacts

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