

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	153,971		146,471	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	153,971		146,471	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would change provisions relating to dangerous sex offender evaluations.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) estimates the following fiscal impact:

ITEMS	FY2008-2009	FY2009-2010
	Expenditures	
Three (3) psychiatric social workers (Social Worker II)	93,846	93,846
Benefits	45,625	45,625
Operating	6,000	6,000
Travel	1,000	1,000
One time capital outlay for office furniture, computer, etc.	7,500	0
TOTAL	153,971	146,471

DCS also provided the following information to explain its estimated fiscal impact:

DCS had 152 sex offenders discharge in CY 2007. DCS performed 77 evaluations and affidavits in CY2007. Of those evaluations 18 individuals were found to be dangerous sex offenders. The discharge planning services of the psychiatric social workers would need to be offered to all sex offenders and the psychiatric social workers would assist in identifying treatment options in the community.

If an offender was subsequently identified as dangerous by a DCS evaluator, the psychiatric social worker would work with community providers to determine if any of those providers could appropriately address the individual's risks and needs. In addition, an evaluator's recommendations regarding dangerousness are not made until after the evaluation is complete and some discharge planning information is important to consider as part of the evaluation process. A determination of dangerous is ultimately the decision of the mental health board as would be the approval of any treatment plan.