
Fiscal Note
Bill Number HB0040

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By extending the criteria for criminal non-support, this bill increases the number of cases that will be brought and escalates the penalty on cases now filed. Assuming a doubling of the caseload there would be 38 new felonies and 10 cases now filed as class A Misdemeanors to be heard by the court. Court costs for additional hearings and extended hearings would be \$7,200. Such convictions do not normally result in sentencing to prison. The cost of probation supervision and/or jail as a condition of probation, if imposed, would be covered in existing budgets.

	<u>FY 00 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 01 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 00 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 01 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	<u><u>\$7,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Individual and Business Impact

It is estimated that 38 offenders will be brought up on 3rd degree charges in the courts and face the legal costs and, if convicted, the penalties for criminal non-support. In addition, 10 cases which would have been Class A misdemeanors will be escalated to 3rd degree felonies. Typically the cost for defense and the penalties imposed for felonies are greater than those for misdemeanors. The number of convictions and resulting penalties imposed by the various judges cannot be estimated at this time, however, none of the convictions are anticipated to require prison.

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