

State Expenditures

The bill may reduce trial court workload in the Judicial Department by a minimal amount by diverting youth who complete a petty offense contract from prosecution. Given the nature of the offenses and relatively small number of cases that will likely be involved, any impact on the trial courts is minimal. To the extent juveniles are diverted from the courts, other agencies in the Judicial Department such as the Office of the Child's Representative may have decreased costs and workload. Any impact is expected to be minimal and no changes in appropriations are required.

Local Government Impact

The bill will increase workload and costs for local law enforcement agencies to issue petty offense tickets, screen juveniles for eligibility for petty offense contracts, and monitor compliance with the terms of the contracts. Municipal and county courts will also have increased workload to establish procedures, identify screening agencies, and assist law enforcement monitor contract compliance. Issuance of petty offense tickets is at the discretion of law enforcement officers and local jurisdictions. Costs will depend on how local governments structure and implement their petty offense contract systems and how frequently they are used. The bill may also decrease local fine revenue from petty and municipal offenses by a minimal amount.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect September 1, 2015, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and applies to offenses committed on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

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