



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill # SB0224

Title: Create a commission to study criminal justice system

Primary Sponsor: Wolken, Cynthia

Status: As Amended on the House Floor

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$16,800	\$11,200	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u><u>(\$16,800)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$11,200)</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 224, as amended on the House Floor, establishes a commission on sentencing to study sentencing practices and policies. This bill attaches the commission to the Legislative Services Division for administrative purposes. It is estimated that the total general fund cost of this commission would be \$28,000 for the 2017 biennium.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch

- Section 1 of SB 224, as amended, provides that the commission on sentencing would consist of 15 members (four legislative members, seven members who are employees of the state or a political subdivision, and four members of the public).
- As amended, Section 1, subsection 8, provides that members of the commission must be compensated as provided 2-15-124, MCA. It is assumed that this provision applies to the four commission members who are members of the public. Subsection 8 of Section 1 also provides that legislative members must be compensated as provided in 5-2-302, MCA, and members who are full-time salaried officers or employees of this state or political subdivision are entitled to their regular compensation. All commission members would be entitled to travel expenses as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503, MCA.

3. It is estimated that, in order to accomplish the requirements of SB 224, as amended, the commission would need to hold two one-day meetings and four two-day meetings, and it is assumed that all meetings would be held in Helena. The total estimated general fund cost of compensation and expenses for commission members is \$13,617 in FY 2016 and \$9,077 in FY 2017.
4. In addition to the costs of compensation and expenses for commission members, it is assumed that \$5,306 would be needed to contract for secretarial support and other operational costs for the 2017 biennium.
5. Section 3 of SB 224 provides a general fund appropriation of \$28,000 to the Legislative Services Division for the 2017 biennium.
6. SB 224, as amended, is one of several bills seeking to add to the duties of the Legislative Services Division. The fiscal note for each bill is prepared based on the effect of the individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill will require additional analysis and may require additional resources, as well as reprioritization of staff duties.

	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$3,235	\$2,156	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	<u>\$13,565</u>	<u>\$9,044</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$16,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$16,800</u>	<u>\$11,200</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u><u>\$16,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$11,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$16,800)	(\$11,200)	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date