



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0297 - Allow justice's courts to suspend driver's licenses for nonpayment of fines (Vermeire, Terry)

Status: As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$273,079	\$141,479	\$143,601	\$145,755
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800
State Special Revenue	\$98,631	\$98,631	\$98,631	\$98,631
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$1,918,721	\$2,050,321	\$2,048,199	\$2,046,045

Description of fiscal impact: SB 297 would require the Department of Justice (DoJ) to add three (3.0) additional FTE to process the increased number of driver's license suspensions and reinstatements. The passage would also create an increase in revenue to the general fund and to the Motor Vehicle Divisions (MVD) Administrative Fund. SB 297 also allows justices' courts, municipal courts, or city courts to suspend a driver's license for nonpayment of certain fines. This bill will require modifications to the FullCourt Enterprise (FCE) case management system in the Judicial Branch utilized by the courts of limited jurisdiction.

FISCAL ANALYSIS**Assumptions:****Department of Justice – Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)**

1. In 2022, MVD received 10,959 court suspensions, and currently one 1.00 FTE processes those court suspensions.
2. It is assumed that the number of suspensions would triple ($10,959 \times 3 = 32,877$) for non-payment of fines imposed by justice, municipal, and city courts and therefore cause the need for 3.00 additional FTE.
3. MVD estimates that three (3) License Permit Technicians would be needed at a cost of \$124,623 per year for pay and benefits and a 1.5% inflation rate for FY 2026 and FY 2027. 2.00 FTE would be used to process the suspensions, and 1.00 FTE would be used to process the reinstatements.
4. It is assumed that there would be a one-time-only setup cost for operating expenses for three (3) FTE of \$8,845, and continuing costs of \$8,011 with a 1.5% inflation rate increase for FY 2026 and FY 2027
5. It is assumed that the reinstatement fees of \$103, would increase revenue by approximately \$2,257,554 ($21,918 \times 103 = 2,257,554$) due to the assumed additional 21,918 license suspensions.
6. It is assumed that the annual reinstatement fees to the general fund would be approximately \$2,191,800 and MVD Admin Fees to the MVD Admin Fee fund approximately \$98,631.00. ($100 \times 21,918 = 2,191,800$) ($3 \times 21,918 = 65,754$).

Judicial Branch

7. This bill will require modifications to the driver's license suspension portion of FCE to allow for driver license suspensions for failure to pay fines. It is estimated that the modifications will take approximately 250 vendor hours at a rate of \$200 per hour for a total cost of \$50,000.
8. This bill will also require modifications to the Overdue Processing configuration for each individual database. There are 136 Courts of Limited Jurisdiction databases. The Judicial Branch does not have internal capacity to make the configuration changes to each individual database and will contract with its vendor for these services.
9. It is estimated that each individual court database will require a minimum of three contracted hours to make the configuration changes. The estimated cost for the database modifications is \$81,600 ($136 \text{ data bases} \times 3 \text{ hours} \times \$200/\text{hour}$).
10. Total cost for these system modifications is \$131,600.
11. It will take a minimum of one year for the design review, development, quality assurance review, vendor/customer testing, and implementation.

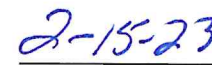
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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services - DoJ	\$124,623	\$124,623	\$126,492	\$128,388
Operating Expenses - DoJ	\$16,856	\$8,011	\$8,132	\$8,254
Operating Expenses - Jud.	\$131,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$273,079	\$132,634	\$134,624	\$136,642
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$273,079	\$132,634	\$134,624	\$136,642
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$273,079	\$132,634	\$134,624	\$136,642
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800	\$2,191,800
State Special Revenue (02)	\$65,754	\$65,754	\$65,754	\$65,754
TOTAL Revenues	\$2,257,554	\$2,257,554	\$2,257,554	\$2,257,554
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$1,918,721	\$2,059,166	\$2,057,176	\$2,055,158
State Special Revenue (02)	\$65,754	\$65,754	\$65,754	\$65,754



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