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TITLE: CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROSECUTION OF A PERSON

WHO IS CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 10, 2011, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 11, 2011, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: Reduction in expenditures.		

Summary of Legislation

Current law provides the option to try an offender charged with the crime of failure to register as a sex offender in the county in which he or she was released from incarceration for the offense requiring registration. This bill eliminates that option, requiring that the offender be tried either in the county in which he or she resides or the county in which he or she was apprehended.

Local Government Impact

The bill is expected to reduce court caseloads in smaller counties where correctional facilities are located. These cases will likely be shifted to larger metropolitan areas where the majority of offenders reside and are apprehended after being released. Any cost savings will be realized through a reduced need to transport offenders back to the counties from which they were released. The reduction in local government expenditures is expected to be minimal.

Departments Contacted

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