

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS CRIME RELATED TO SEX CRIMES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, certain offenses that accompany sex offenses are subject to a statute of limitations, while the sex offense is not. This bill would eliminate the statute of limitations for an offense that accompanies a sex offense.

State Expenditures

This bill could increase state expenditures in two ways. First, to the extent that adding charges to an existing sex offense case increases the complexity of the case, workload for the trial courts and judicial service agencies, such as the Office of the State Public Defender and Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel, could increase. This increase is anticipated to be minimal and will not require an increase in appropriations.

Second, to the extent that a judge orders a person to serve the sentence for any secondary offenses consecutively rather than concurrently, costs for the Department of Corrections will increase. Because sentencing is at the discretion of the judge, it is not possible to calculate the potential increase in state expenditures. If this occurs, the fiscal note assumes that the Department of Corrections will request an increase in appropriations through the annual budget process.

Local Government Impact

This bill could increase workload for district attorneys by increasing the complexity of cases being tried. Any such increase is anticipated to be minimal.

Effective Date

The act takes effect July 1, 2014, and applies to offenses and delinquent acts committed on or after that date.

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