

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING LAWS RELATED TO THE IMPERSONATION OF A PEACE OFFICER, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/12/04 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note was Prepared**

None.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

This bill currently contains a blank five-year appropriations clause. Staff has prepared an amendment (**J.001**) to insert the correct appropriation for each year. In FY 2004-05, it transfers \$152,800 General Fund from the Capital Construction Fund to the Corrections Expansion Reserve Fund for prison bed construction costs. For fiscal years 2005-06 through FY 2008-09, it provides the Department of Corrections \$61,200 each year for prison bed operation costs.

**Sponsor Amendments**

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments.

**Questions and Concerns**

1. The Joint Budget Committee is introducing a balanced budget package for FY 2004-05 based on the March 2004, Legislative Council Staff (LCS) forecast. This bill will require \$152,800 in additional General Fund expenditures. If this bill is enacted, other appropriations for existing programs will need to be reduced by an equal amount in order to maintain a balanced budget based on the March 2004 LCS forecast.
2. It should be noted that due to General Fund reductions, the Trial Courts are currently at 85 percent of full staffing, resulting in shortened court hours, reduced services to the public,

delays in case processing, and reductions in accuracy and timeliness in data processing. Although the additional hearing time is expected to be minimal, any bill that increases hearing times without a corresponding increase in the Judicial Department's appropriation will exacerbate the effects of the current staffing shortage - and these effects will be compounded if there are multiple bills that take this approach.

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