

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON DRUG PARAPHERNALIA LAWS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue	See State Revenue and Expenditures section.	
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

Current law exempts employees and volunteers of an approved syringe exchange program from being charged with a misdemeanor offense under state drug paraphernalia laws. This bill expands this exemption to include program participants.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill does not affect state revenue and expenditures. It does not create new criminal penalties, rather it creates an exemption from drug paraphernalia laws for certain persons. The reduction in the number of misdemeanor convictions for drug paraphernalia offenses is expected to be minimal, and no change in fine revenue or state costs to house offenders in county jails is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

The number of individuals who participate in an approved syringe exchange program that are prosecuted for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia is not known. The fiscal note assumes that instances where such possession is the only charge will be minimal and not require a change in local government resources.

Departments Contacted

Corrections
Judicial
Sheriffs

Counties
Municipalities

District Attorneys
Public Health and Environment