Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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TITLE: CONCERNING CHANGES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED

OF POSSESSION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CRIMES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was deemed lost in the House of Representatives on May 7, 2012. However, the bill was subsequently amended in its entirety into House Bill 12-1310.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a new priority for the work of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ). The CCJJ is required to consider, using empirical analysis and evidence-based data and research, the development of a comprehensive drug sentencing scheme for all drug crimes. The bills outlines a number of factors to consider when developing the sentencing scheme. The CCJJ is required to report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees by December 15, 2012, detailing the commission's recommendations, or if there are no recommendations, the reasons and areas of disagreement behind the lack of recommendations.

State Expenditures

The CCJJ is supported by staff in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Public Safety. The tasks required by the bill are well within the purview of this staff. While the bill changes the priorities of the commission, it is not expected to require additional resources and can be implemented within existing resources.

Departments Contacted

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