

JLBC Fiscal Note

BILL # SB 1092

TITLE: dangerous crimes against children; probation

SPONSOR: Champ

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STATUS: Senate Engrossed

Description

The bill would prohibit the court from terminating or shortening a sentence of probation if the sentence was for a dangerous crime against children.

Estimated Impact

We estimate that the bill could result in additional county probation costs. However, we lack sufficient information to determine these costs in advance. Given the limited circumstances in which probation is eligible for dangerous crimes against children, we estimate any cost would be minimal.

We have reached out to the Administrative Office of the Courts for their perspective on the bill but have not yet received a response.

Analysis

Our estimate assumes the following:

- 1) Convictions for dangerous crimes against children almost always involve a mandatory prison sentence. In some circumstances, individuals convicted of dangerous crimes against children may be probation eligible. In these cases, statute authorizes the court to sentence individuals to up to life probation.
- 2) Prohibiting the termination or shortening of a probationary period could increase probation costs to counties, as probationers may require more resources for longer probation terms relative to current practice. We lack information on the number of individuals convicted of dangerous crimes against children that are currently serving probation, and how often these individuals have their probation terminated or shortened.
- 3) The state provides funding for probation to all counties except Maricopa County. We do not expect this bill to increase state costs to counties for probation expenses.

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