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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on county prosecutors.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	$0	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	$0	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would allow a prosecutor to dismiss criminal charges against a person without seeking permission from the court. This dismissal would be without prejudice and could be filed again later. However, if it is filed after the time double jeopardy has attached, the dismissal would be with prejudice, unless the defendant has consented to having the case dismissed without prejudice. Double jeopardy would attach at the time a jury is impaneled or, when there is no jury, when the judge begins hearing evidence.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of Prosecution Services

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