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Revised Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET COLORADO COMMN ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue
State Expenditure
State Transfer
TABOR Refund
Local Government
Statutory Public Entity

Sunset Bill. This bill continues the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice in the Department of Public Safety, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2023. State fiscal impacts under the bill include both the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures, as well as new expenditures under the bill. The program is continued through September 1, 2024.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$10,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: This revised fiscal note reflects the engrossed bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-158^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures, and Other Budget Impacts.

Continuing Impacts

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Continuing FTE), and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

^1 Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program for one year beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for one year, from September 1, 2023 to September 1, 2024. The bill also requires the CCJJ to provide translation services for CCJJ meetings, updates the membership of the commission; requires the CCJJ to provide opportunities for the public to provide topics for study; requires the CCJJ to conduct regular meetings to inform commission members of relevant research and for the DPS to assist in the preparation of materials for implementation of policy recommendations; and changes what the CCJJ must study

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2022-23 expenditures, the DPS is expected to have expenditures of \$300,730 and 2.0 FTE to administer the CCJJ. In addition, the General Assembly is expected to have expenditures of \$7,548 for legislator per diem and reimbursement expenses for meetings that occur outside of the legislative session. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for both the DPS and the Legislative Department in FY 2023-24. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2023, state expenditures will decrease by the amounts shown in Table 1, above.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the DPS by \$10,000 per year starting in FY 2023-24 to provide translation services. Based on the current rate of translation services for court interpreters, the fiscal note assumes that translation services will cost \$45 per hour, and that the CCJJ and its various subcommittees hold around 75 meetings per year lasting about 2.5 hours each. Translation services will also be required to translate any documents of the CCJJ. In addition, fiscal note assumes that meetings to inform members on research and to consider additional areas of study can be accomplished within the CCJJ current meeting structure. In addition, because the DCJ already provides 2.0 FTE to the CCJJ for administrative support, any increase in workload to prepare materials is assumed to be minimal. Finally, workload to the Governor's Office will increase to provide new appoints to the CCJJ.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

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