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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Rodriguez; Gonzales Rep. Amabile; Martinez	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** **RECIDIVISM DEFINITION WORKING GROUP**

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<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a working group in the Department of Public Safety to develop a common definition of recidivism to be used across all state entities. The bill increases state workload in FY 2024-25, and may increase state costs beginning in FY 2025-26.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Recidivism Interim Study Committee.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a working group in the Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to identify all state entities that collect data or report on recidivism, and to develop a definition of recidivism for these entities. The timeline for the working group is as follows:

- Appointments to the working group must be made by September 1, 2024.
- The working group must develop the definition of recidivism by January 15, 2025, and provide it to affected entities by January 31, 2025.
- Beginning July 1, 2025, state entities must use the working group's definition in their reporting and include the definition in any documents or reports with recidivism data.

Finally, the bill deletes a specific definition of recidivism used by the Department of Human Services (CDHS).

## **State Expenditures**

In FY 2024-25, the bill increases workload in the CDPS to facilitate the working group and for the Judicial Department, the Department of Corrections, the Parole Board, the Department of Higher Education, and the CDHS, which will have representatives serve on the working group. Beginning in FY 2025-26, after the common definition is developed, there will be a workload increase for agencies to incorporate the new definition in their data collection. No change in appropriations is anticipated at this time; however, additional resources may be necessary for certain agencies depending on how the common definition impacts current recidivism data collection efforts. These resources will be addressed through the annual budget process, as necessary.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Corrections  
Judicial

District Attorneys  
Public Safety

Human Services