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Bill 3

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OPERATIONAL PROCESSES STUDY

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to study how individuals proceed through the stages of the criminal justice system. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 and state and local government workload through FY 2020-21.

**Appropriation
Summary:**

The Department of Corrections requires an appropriation of \$50,000 in the current year, FY 2019-20, and \$1,000,000 in FY 2020-21.

**Fiscal Note
Status:**

This fiscal note reflects the Prison Population Management Interim Study Committee bill request.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 3

		FY 2019-20 (current year)	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue			-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$50,000	\$1,000,000	-
Transfers			-	-
TABOR Refund			-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to study how individuals proceed through the stages of the criminal justice system. At a minimum this study must:

- analyze the operational and technological systems and procedures used in criminal proceedings and correctional facilities;
- examine recommendations and best practices implemented in Colorado and other states to create more efficient operational and technological systems and procedures;
- review obstacles preventing the creation of more efficient systems and procedures; and
- analyze the types of metrics and information collected and prepared by criminal justice agencies.

The study must be limited to the most recent 18-month period for which data is available and sufficient to meet the requirements of this bill. Additionally, the DOC must collaborate with other criminal justice agencies, solicit and consider public comment, and issue a request for proposal and enter into a contract with a consultant to assist with the study by June 30, 2020. The results of this study must be presented to the General Assembly by January 1, 2021. This bill is repealed July 1, 2021.

State Expenditures

This bill increases Department of Corrections General Fund costs by \$50,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2020-21. State agency workload will also increase through FY 2020-21. These impacts are discussed below.

Criminal justice system study. The DOC requires \$1,050,000 to implement this bill. This includes \$50,000 for a consultant to assist in preparing the request for proposal (RFP) and evaluating RFP responses and \$1,000,000 for the completion of the study and final report.

Other state agencies. Workload will increase through FY 2020-21, for state agencies that are part of the criminal justice system including the DOC, Judicial Department, Office of the State Public Defender, and the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Public Safety to participate in the study. It is assumed that this workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Depending on the outcome of the study and changes to the criminal justice system future costs or savings may be incurred.

Local Government

Similar to the state, local government criminal justice agencies will have increased workload through FY 2020-21 to participate in the study and may see future cost increases or savings depending on the outcome of the study and changes to the criminal justice system.

Technical Note

The study period proposed in this bill may not be sufficient enough to properly analyze all phases of the criminal justice system as required by this bill.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

The Department of Corrections requires a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in FY 2019-20 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2020-21.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Information Technology
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