

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1294

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Crisis intervention pilot programs for persons with mental illness

5. Summary: Permits the Department of Criminal Justice Services to establish crisis intervention team pilot programs in areas of the state by January 1, 2010. The crisis intervention team pilot programs shall assist law-enforcement officers in responding to crisis situations involving persons with mental illness, substance abuse problems, or both. By November 1, 2009, the Department shall submit to the Joint Commission on Health Care a report outlining the plan for the program. The Department, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, shall establish a training program for all persons involved in the crisis intervention team pilot programs. Each crisis intervention team shall develop a protocol that permits law-enforcement officers to release from custody persons whom they encounter in crisis situations when the crisis intervention team has determined the person is sufficiently stable. The Department shall evaluate and report annually to the Joint Commission on Health Care on the impact and effectiveness of the crisis intervention team pilot programs.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 395

8. Fiscal Implications: As introduced, the bill would require funding for crisis intervention team pilot programs to be established in localities that would be funded with state/federal and local funding. DCJS would incur expenses in providing technical assistance support, monitoring and reporting on the various CIT pilot program grants. The CIT pilot programs that DCJS has previously funded with federal and local matching funding have ranged from \$71,000 in smaller localities to \$165,000 in larger ones. The total fiscal impact would be based on the number of pilot programs funded.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DCJS, localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: According to DCJS, amended language may be proposed that would decrease the potential fiscal impact of this legislation.

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