

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2333 - HB 2340

March 14, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires misdemeanor defendants appointed counsel by reason of indigency to be released from custody on recognizance unless state shows in a separate hearing that defendant would not appear in court or would pose danger to defendant or others.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$376,000 Recurring
\$30,000 One-Time**

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - \$4,800,000

Estimate assumes:

- additional staffing will be required for district attorneys general and for public defenders to conduct hearings for this group of misdemeanants held in jail that would require a separate hearing to be released under these circumstances of recognizance, when such persons would not have been released through usual release processes by meeting the criteria for normal release on recognizance, being released to a pretrial release program, or bond or surety was not available.
- a reduction in days held in jail for misdemeanants resulting in a decrease in local government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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