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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0245 Amended by Senate Judiciary on January 25, 2017
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Subject: Drug Offenses
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Undetermined	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact of the bill, as amended, is undetermined as insufficient data exists. This bill, however, is expected to increase the length of sentences in certain cases.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by Senate Judiciary on January 25, 2017

State Expenditure

This bill conforms language concerning trafficking in specified drugs with language concerning distribution and possession of controlled substances.

Commission on Prosecution Coordination. The commission expects that this bill will not affect the number of cases prosecuted, however, it does anticipate that sentences will be significantly longer for convictions encompassed by this statute.

Department of Corrections. As amended, the bill appears to expand the field of drugs which may be considered a controlled substance as related to drug trafficking. If longer sentences are imposed the department would expect an increase in the prison population. At this time, however, the department cannot determine a specific amount.

Judicial Department. As noted by the Department of Corrections, the amendment to the bill appears to expand the field of drugs which may be considered a controlled substance as related to drug trafficking. The department reports that there is no data available on the number of additional cases which may be heard in circuit court as a result of the bill. Therefore, the expenditure impact on the General Fund is undetermined.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department indicates that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as a result of a change in drug classifications.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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