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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6872**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1683**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 21, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Penalties for manslaughter and reckless homicide.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases the penalty for: (1) voluntary manslaughter from a Class B felony to a Class A felony; (2) involuntary manslaughter from a Class C felony to a Class B felony; and (3) reckless homicide from a Class C felony to a Class B felony, in cases in which the victim is less than 17 years of age or at least 60 years of age.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill enhances provisions for charging Class A and B felonies. State expenditures would increase if offenders are incarcerated in prison for longer periods of time. The following prison terms and average sentence served apply.

<u>Felony</u>	<u>Prison Term</u>	<u>Avg Time Served</u>
Class A	20 to 50 years	7 yrs., 10 mos.
Class B	6 to 20 years	3 yrs., 2 mos.
Class C	2 to 8 years	1 yr., 7 mos.

The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$20,500 in FY 97. Individual facility expenditures range from \$11,000 to \$27,000. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually or \$5 daily per prisoner.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** No change would likely occur in state revenue as a result of this bill since criminal fines and court fees are the same for all felonies.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** No additional revenues would be expected since the court fee for felonies is \$120.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts.

**Information Sources:** Department of Correction