



Fiscal Note
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 Criminal Offenses Modifications
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(290,000)	\$0	\$(290,000)

State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Revenues	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Court Security Account (GFR)	\$0	\$3,100	\$3,100
General Fund	\$0	\$63,900	\$63,900
Total Revenues	\$0	\$67,000	\$67,000

Enactment of this bill could result in ongoing General Fund revenue of \$63,900 from the assessment of fines and criminal surcharge fees beginning in FY 2027. This could also result in a \$3,100 ongoing revenue increase to Court Security beginning in FY 2027.

Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	\$0	\$353,900	\$353,900
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$353,900	\$353,900

Enactment of this bill could cost a total of \$353,900 ongoing from the General Fund in FY 2027. The cost breakdown is as follows: 1. Courts - \$43,800 ongoing beginning in FY 2027 for case processing; 2. Department of Corrections - \$304,000 ongoing from the General Fund in FY 2027. 3. Board of Pardons and Parole - \$6,100 ongoing from the General Fund in FY 2027. This assumes the following increases: 1. Probation - 0 additional 0-year commitments; 2. Prison - 8 additional 1-year commitments; 3. Parole - 0-year commitments.

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Net All Funds	\$0	\$(286,900)	\$(286,900)

Local Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this bill could result in an ongoing fine revenue increase by an estimated \$19,500 beginning in FY 2027. Local government entities could experience the following estimated expenditure impacts beginning in FY 2027: 1. Prosecutors - \$92,800 increase; 2. Public Defense - \$144,000 increase; 3. County Jails - \$955,400 increase; 4. Local Justice Court - unknown increase.

Individuals & Businesses

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Individuals cited for violations could pay up to \$1,500 per case for an aggregated cost of \$86,500 in fines and surcharge fees beginning in FY 2027.

Regulatory Impact

UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Evaluation

JR1-4-601

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

Notes on Notes

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