

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

SENATE, No. 233

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill No. 233 of 1998 amends the reporting of crime rates for resort municipalities. This bill addresses distortions in reported crime rates for resort municipalities which result from a failure to include seasonal population data when calculating these rates. Consequently, the per capita crime rate in resort municipalities may appear to be inordinately higher than that in non-resort municipalities with comparable permanent populations.

The bill requires the Attorney General to include a section in the annual Uniform Crime Report that accounts for seasonal visitors in the compilation of uniform crime rates for resort municipalities. It also requires the Department of Labor to estimate the annual mean population of resort municipalities. The Department of Labor would be required to calculate the total seasonal populations of these municipalities based on factors it deems appropriate.

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that the bill will have no fiscal impact on the State Budget. The Department of Labor should incur no additional costs as a result of this bill and any additional staff responsibilities can be absorbed within existing resources.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.