PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT

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House Bill 1110

An Act to prohibit the performance of abortions due to Down syndrome and to provide a penalty therefor.

A prison/jail population cost estimate statement is required for HB1110 because it would create a new Class 6 felony for any person who performs or attempts to perform "an abortion with knowledge that the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion because the unborn child either has been diagnosed with Down syndrome or has had a genetic screening indicating that the unborn child may have Down syndrome."

The purpose of the felony penalty is to enforce compliance. Currently, only licensed physicians may perform abortions in this state. It is assumed there would be a high rate of compliance with this bill among licensed physicians. For this reason, the impact on prison and jail costs is estimated to be negligible.

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