

Legislative Analysis



IMMEDIATE INCARCERATION IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

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House Bill 4719 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Robert J. Bezotte
Committee: Judiciary
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4719 would amend the Michigan Penal Code to require that a person convicted of first degree murder be committed to the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for incarceration in a state correctional facility pending sentencing and immediately following the conviction.

MCL 750.316

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4719 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state and on local units of government. Provisions of the bill would result in a shift of costs from local county jails to the state correctional system. Individuals convicted of first degree murder would no longer be detained in county jails while waiting to be sentenced to prison. Counties would realize a savings for no longer having to detain these offenders while they await sentencing, and the state Department of Corrections would incur costs for housing these offenders earlier. Costs of incarceration in county jails and how those costs are financed vary by jurisdiction. In fiscal year 2020, the average cost of prison incarceration in a state facility was roughly \$42,200 per prisoner, a figure that includes various fixed administrative and operational costs. Those costs are financed with state general fund/general purpose revenue.

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