
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 922 (Chang) - Criminal procedure: limitations of actions

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 7 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: No

Hearing Date: June 18, 2020

Consultant: Shaun Naidu

Bill Summary: SB 922 would extend the statute of limitations, as specified, for felony crimes related to extortion by ransomware and unauthorized access to computers, computer systems, or networks, as specified.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on June 18, 2020

Fiscal Impact:

- State prison: Unknown, potential increase in state costs for new commitments to state prison that otherwise would not have resulted in incarceration. The FY 2020-2021 per capita cost to detain a person in a state prison is \$91,100 annually, with an annual marginal rate per person of over \$12,000. The actual costs would depend on how many defendants are sentenced to prison for a computer crime relevant to this measure after the current statute of limitations has lapsed. (General Fund)
- Court: Unknown, potentially-significant workload cost pressures to the court to adjudicate charges brought against defendants that would be time barred under current law. While the courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to fund additional staff and resources. For example, the proposed 2020-21 budget would appropriate \$35.2 million from the General Fund to backfill continued reduction in fine and fee revenue for trial court operations. (General Fund*)

*Trial Court Trust Fund

Committee Amendments: Strike ransomware from the bill.

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