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BILL NUMBER: HB 5556
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "A" & "B"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR THE ILLEGAL SALE OF
DRUGS IN OR NEAR PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Judiciary

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5556

STATE IMPACT	Potential Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Correction

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The passage of this bill as amended which would require a minimum three year sentence for any individual convicted of selling or intending to sell drugs in or near public housing projects could result in potential costs to the State. Currently, the State's correctional facilities are at their point of maximum incarceration capacity, and will be at such point for the foreseeable future. Because of the problem of inmate overcrowding, no additional current incarceration costs can be absorbed. However, the passage of this bill coupled with: 1) the elimination of the Supervised Home Release (SHR) program beginning July 1, 1993; 2) future stricter requirements for parole eligibility; and 3) the public's demand for increased incarceration time for repeat offenders, will result in the need for additional funds for alternative incarceration programs and new facilities in the near future.

Both House Amendments "A" and "B" are technical in nature and have no fiscal impact.