



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the General Assembly
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RE: Implementation of HF 619 (2005 Sex Offender Act)

House File 619 (2005 Sex Offender Act) was implemented at the beginning of FY 2006. Therefore, there is only two years' worth of data. No statistically valid conclusions regarding the impact of HF 619 can be drawn due to a lack of data.

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Pages three through five explain the potential correctional impact of the enhanced penalties included in Divisions Two and Three of the Act. According to the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (CJJPD) of the Department of Human Rights, the full impact of the enhanced penalty provisions will not be reached until at least FY 2028. By that time, the number of sex offenders being supervised in Iowa's correctional system is anticipated to stabilize. It is anticipated the demand for additional resources will continue each year until at least FY 2028.

Pages six through eight contain the fiscal estimate for HF 619. The overall fiscal impact is estimated to be \$2.5 million in FY 2009, and \$3.2 million in FY 2010. These amounts are in addition to the \$9.9 million in additional funds that have been appropriated since FY 2006. Costs will continue to increase in future fiscal years due to anticipated increases in costs for the correctional system (mandated electronic monitoring, supervision, and treatment), and prosecution and defense.

The General Assembly has appropriated approximately \$9.9 million in additional funding to Executive Branch agencies for the implementation of HF 619. The following table shows appropriated funds and FTE positions by agency and fiscal year.

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Pages nine through 25 contain a detailed explanation of the five Divisions of HF 619. Note this document only provides an analysis of the implementation of HF 619. It does not reflect any potential impact of the Adam Walsh Act, which is federal sex offender legislation that may impact Iowa's Sex Offender Registry, treatment mandates, supervision requirements, and criminal penalties.

