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Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council

# HOW TO READ AN IMPACT ANALYSIS

**AKA: How to Find What You Are Looking For**

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# Outline of Presenation

- Elements/Parts of Impact Analysis
- Walkthrough
  - Full Impact Analysis
  - Potential Impact Analysis
- How to find on the website
- Questions

# Two Kinds of Impact Analysis

Impact Analysis (Full)

- Population changes
  - Demographics and characteristics
- Prison Population Projections
- Cost changes
- HB 2400 (104th GA) - Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault and Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault

Potential Impact Analysis

- **"INSUFFICIENT DATA TO SUPPORT FULL IMPACT ANALYSIS"**
- Estimate of people who would be impacted or eligible
  - Demographics and characteristics
- HB 3332 (104th GA) - Resentencing Under 21

# Elements of Impact Analysis

- Infographic/One-Pager (***NEW***)
- Table of Contents (***NEW***)
- Introduction
- Bill Summary
- Data (as applicable)
  - Arrest, Guilty Disposition, and Probation
  - Prison
  - MSR
- Cost Analysis Summary*
- Cost Analysis Breakdown*
- Policy Implications
- Methodology
- Appendix

*Cost changes not usually provided in Potential Impact Analysis

# Infographic/One-Pager

- Purpose: Brief summary of everything you need to know if you don't want to read the impact analysis
- Elements
  - Summary Information (depending on type of analysis)
    - Population and Costs (Impact Analysis) OR
    - Potentially Impacted Population (Potential Impact Analysis)
  - Bill Summary
  - Impacts (snapshot of data and costs)
    - Demographic impact
    - Fiscal impact
    - Victimization impact
  - Outcomes (practical and policy impacts if the legislation were to go into effect)

# Infographic/One-Pager

## HOUSE BILL 2400 (AS INTRODUCED)

104th General Assembly - Spring 2025

## IMPACT ANALYSIS

### Summary Information

**Population Change**

Projected annual increase of 173 people in prison

**Cost Change**

Estimated $12 million in added government costs over three years

## HOUSE BILL 3332 (AS INTRODUCED)

104th General Assembly - Spring 2025

## POTENTIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### Summary Information

Potentially Impacted Population

An estimated 1,400 people in 2024 would be eligible to petition for sentencing review under House Bill 3332.

# Introduction & Bill Summary

## First Few Pages

Impact Analysis (Full)

- Population impact
- Net increase costs
- Table of contents
- Statutory duty
- Bill summary
  - Plain language summary of what the bill does
  - Sometimes a table of changes

Potential Impact Analysis

- **"Insufficient Data to Support a Full Impact Analysis"**
- Table of contents
- Statutory duty
- Bill summary
  - Plain language summary of what the bill does
  - Sometimes there will be a table of changes (see HB 2400)

# Introduction & Bill Summary

## First Few Pages

### HOUSE BILL 2400 (INTRODUCED)

720 ILCS 5/11-1.30 & 720 ILCS 5/11-1.40

**Penalty Increase for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault & Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child**

**Impact Analysis**

Annual Prison Population Increase: **173 People**

Net Increase Over Three Years: **$12,082,894**

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### HOUSE BILL 3332 (INTRODUCED)

730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-120 (new)

**Sentencing Review**

**Potential Impact Analysis**

**INSUFFICIENT DATA TO SUPPORT A FULL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

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# Data in Impact Analysis (Full)

## (Data Will Vary Based on What the Bill Does)

- Arrests
  - Demographics
- Dispositions
- Prison
  - Admissions
  - Population
  - Jail credit
  - Length of stay
  - Projection
  - Demographics
- Costs Summary
- Costs Breakdown
  - Pretrial Jail
  - Probation
  - Prison
  - MSR
  - Victimization Costs

# Data in Potential Impact Analysis
## (Data Will Vary Based on What the Bill Does)

- Data
  - Limited because of factors that cannot be predicted or replicated in the data (usually this means there is an excercise of discretion)
  - Arrests/Dispositions/Prison
    - Demographics (for data provided)
- Costs
  - *Usually* can't be calculated due to factors that cannot be predicted or replicated in the data

# Impact Analysis Available on Website

- Ways to find on website
  - Impact Analysis Button on Home Page (used to be called "Fiscal Impact Analysis") **OR**
  - Publications → Impact Analysis
    - Listed by Session Year
    - Bill Number and Summary Title **OR**
  - Type what you are looking for in Search bar **OR**
  - Look for tags
- Potential Impact Analysis indicated by
  - **"INSUFFICIENT DATA TO SUPPORT A FULL IMPACT ANALYSIS"**
- Website being updated → will look a little different but general concept the same

QUESTIONS