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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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**SENATE BILLS 803 AND 806  
AS PASSED BY THE SENATE**

**COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 2/27/02**

**Sponsor:** Sen. William Van Regenmorter

**House Committee:** Criminal Justice

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**SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 803 would create the Criminal Communications Intercept Act, which would allow authorities investigating certain criminal activities to intercept communications under approval and authorization from the attorney general and a local circuit court judge designated by the supreme court. Senate Bill 806 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to establish sentencing guidelines for violations of Senate Bill 803.

To the extent that the bills increased the numbers of criminal convictions for serious felonies, they would increase state correctional costs.

Senate Bill 803 would also require that the director of the Department of State Police and the attorney general establish a course of training and minimum certification standards for the procedures governed by the bill. This would result in indeterminate costs for the department and the Attorney General's Office. Costs for the two agencies could also increase as a result of various oversight responsibilities assigned by the bill.

Finally, the Department of State Police and local law enforcement agencies could incur additional operations costs to the extent that they engaged in the activities governed by the bill.