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SB257 AS REPORTED WITH AMENDMENT(S)

Sponsor: Sen. William Van Regenmorter

Committee: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Analyst(s): Peterson, Marilyn

Completed: 12/6/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow separate charges and convictions, and to allow consecutive sentencing, for each death arising from the same occurrence of any of several specified vehicle-related offenses, including fleeing and eluding, drunk driving, driving without a license, and, in cases where the death resulted from the operation of a vehicle, second-degree murder and manslaughter.

The bill could increase costs to the state and local units of government, depending on the extent to which offenders fell subject to the bill, the extent to which prosecutors opted to bring separate charges and obtained separate convictions under the bill, and the extent to which judges exercised their discretion to order that terms be served consecutively. The bill's impact would be delayed until offenders who otherwise would have been released were instead kept in prison.