

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2115/1	Introduction Number	SB-117	Estimate Type	Original
Description Battery and threats to a judge, a prosecutor, or a law enforcement officer and providing a criminal penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, no one may intentionally cause bodily harm to a law enforcement officer acting in his/her official capacity; and, no one may intentionally cause or threaten bodily harm to a judge or his/her family while the judge is acting in his/her official capacity.

Under this bill, a person who intentionally causes or threatens bodily harm to a judge, prosecutor, or a law enforcement officer, or to their family members - if the person commits the offense in response to any action taken by the official - is guilty of a felony.

Some prosecutors indicated that they do not anticipate a fiscal impact upon their offices if prosecutors are granted this protection. Others however, stated that the bill will have a fiscal effect on their offices because the bill adds the threat of bodily harm to a law enforcement officers, which occurs regularly. Because there was not a consensus among prosecutors regarding the potential impact of this bill, should it be enacted, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

For the reasons stated above, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.