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## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Current law prohibits pointing a firearm at or toward another person. A violation can result in a fine up to \$10,000, confinement in a county jail for up to nine months, or both. This bill would increase the penalties for someone who points a firearm at a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, emergency medical technician, first responder or an ambulance driver. The penalties would increase to a fine of \$10,000, a term of imprisonment (confinement & extended supervision time)of up to six years, or both.

This bill also expands the current law on prohibition against prisoners throwing bodily substances at others to include offenders in the custody of or who have been detained by a peace officer. The fine for this offense is up to \$10,000, a term of imprisonment of up to three and a half years, or both.

We are not able to estimate how persons will be sentenced under these penalty provisions. Therefore, it is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of this bill on either state or local government. However, in FY02 it cost approximately \$26,000 to incarcerate a person in a state prison and \$1,900 to supervise an offender on probation.

If some offenders are sentenced to a state prison instead of a county jail, costs will decrease for the counties.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**