

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-2416/1	Introduction Number	AB-0525	Estimate Type	Original
Description Threatening or committing battery against certain employees of first class cities and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

No data currently exist to determine the additional cost and workload if this bill were to be enacted. Though the same Assistant DAs who currently prosecute the battery cases would prosecute the crime enhanced by this bill, it would be much more time-consuming once the crime becomes a felony. With felonies come preliminary examinations, which amount to an immediate and additional court proceeding at which witnesses must be produced. This adds a significant amount of work for ADAs. In addition, it is likely that more of the cases would go to trial since the penalties are greater. This, too, would increase the ADA workload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As stated above, no data exist at this time to be able to project the increased cost and workload if this bill were to be enacted. However, if the crime were to become a felony, there would be an increase in the ADA workload and the amount of time required for ADAs to prosecute these cases. If the bill is enacted, it would be worthwhile reviewing data concerning the increased ADA cost and workload.