



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>15-1440/2</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-204</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Causing or threatening bodily harm to certain child welfare and juvenile justice workers, and providing a criminal penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, an individual who intentionally causes bodily harm to another without their consent commits the crime of ordinary battery. Current law also provides more severe penalties for battery under certain circumstances against certain government officials. Among those covered under the special circumstances are law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and probation, parole, and aftercare agents. The penalty for intentionally causing bodily harm to one of these employees is more severe than for ordinary battery, if the person knows or has reason to know the victim is a covered employee acting in his or her official capacity, and they do not consent to the harm.

This bill extends the special circumstances battery provisions to a person employed by a court, county department of human or social services, tribal child welfare agency, or department of children and families who provides intake, dispositional, or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice.

Prosecutors believe enactment of this bill will impact their workload, but could not quantify the cost because there is insufficient data to determine how many cases could be charged. Consequently, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors believe there would be a long-term fiscal effect on their offices should this bill be enacted; however, because of a lack of data to determine the number of cases that could be charged, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.