

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0551-01  
Bill No.: SB 137  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Elementary and Secondary Education; Higher Education  
Type: Original  
Date: January 24, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
General Revenue Fund	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)	Less than (\$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>Less than (\$100,000)</b>	<b>Less than (\$100,000)</b>	<b>Less than (\$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender** assume existing staff could provide representation for those 20-25 cases arising where indigent persons were charged with felony intimidation of an athletic coach, manager, or sports official. However, passage of more than one similar bill would require the State Public Defender System to request increased appropriations to cover the cumulative cost of representing the indigent accused in the additional cases.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)** assume the proposal could impact the caseloads of local prosecutors; however, OPS assumes that the impact on a given office would be minimal and could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** stated that they could not predict the number of new commitments which could result from the creation of the offense(s) outlined in the proposal. An increase in commitments would depend on the utilization of prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the courts. If additional persons were sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC would incur a corresponding increase in operational costs either through incarceration (FY99 average \$35.61 per inmate, per day) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY 99 average \$2.47 per offender, per day). Supervision by the DOC through probation or incarceration would result in some additional costs, but DOC officials assume that the impact would be \$0 or a minimal amount that could be absorbed within existing resources.

The following factors contribute to DOC's minimal assumption:

- DOC assumes the narrow scope of the crime will not encompass a large number of offenders.
- The low felony status of the crime enhances the possibility of plea-bargaining or imposition of a probation sentence.
- The probability exists that offenders would be charged with a similar but more serious offense or that sentences may run concurrent to one another.

The need for additional capital improvements or rental space is not anticipated at this time. It must be noted that the cumulative effect of various new legislation, if adopted, could result in the need for additional capital improvements funding if the total number of new offenders exceeds current planned capacity.

ASSUMPTIONS (continued)

**Oversight** assumes that the conviction and incarceration of only one person would create a minimal fiscal impact of less than \$100,000 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>Costs - Department of Corrections</u> Incarceration/Probation Costs	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>	Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u></b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u></b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$100,000)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would create the crime of intimidation of a athletic coach, manager, or sports official. A person could be charged with this crime if he commits any of the following acts and such act is motivated by the victim's status as an athletic coach, manager, or sports official: 1) attempting to injure the coach or official; 2) threatening the coach or official; 3) touching the coach or official in an offensive manner; or 4) communicating to the coach or official a threat to commit any felony. Intimidation of a coach or sports official would be a class D felony. A sports official would be defined as a referee, umpire or other official who registers with an organized training body or a person who volunteers as an official.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Department of Corrections

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