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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0346	Introduced on February 13, 2025
Subject:	Assault and Battery	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	April 9, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides for enhanced penalties for the act of assault and battery against a health care professional or another person in a health care facility.

This bill may impact the caseload in general sessions court and potentially the number of incarcerations, which may increase the workload of the court system and the Commission of Indigent Defense, the Commission on Prosecution Coordination, the Department of Corrections (Corrections), and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (PPP). Judicial indicates that while this bill may not increase the number of cases filed in general sessions, it may lengthen the time needed for trial and the number of cases that settle. Judicial anticipates that the impact this bill may have on the courts can be managed within existing appropriations. The potential increase in expenses for each agency will depend upon the increase in the number of cases and number of incarcerations. These agencies indicate that if this bill results in a significant increase in the workload, then an increase in General Fund appropriations may be requested. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2023-24, the annual total cost per inmate was \$40,429, of which \$36,553 was state funded.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

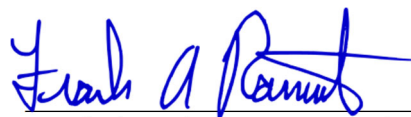
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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