

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 125** HLS 24RS 454

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Penalties for Battery of a Bus Operator		

CRIMINAL/PENALTIES OR INCREASE LF EX See Note
Provides relative to the penalties for battery of a bus operator

Current law provides that battery of a bus operator is battery committed without the consent of the vicim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a bus operator; mandates a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment for not less than 48 hours nor more than six months without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence for conviction of battery of a bus operator. Proposed law amends current law by increasing the mandated fine (from no more than \$500 to no more than \$1,000) and range of sentencing for conviction (to not less than 3 days nor more than 1 year without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence) of battery of a bus operator.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of battery of a bus operator. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term is no more than one year at the local level.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of battery of a bus operator. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the amount of the fines imposed on those convicted may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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