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 Increases the penalties for certain domestic violence offenses that involve strangulation

Current law provides for the crimes of battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery; provides that if the battery of a dating partner or domestic abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for no more than three years. Proposed law increases the penalty assessed for battery of a dating partner or domestic abuse battery that involves strangulation from no more than three years to no more than 10 years (with at least one year of the sentence imposed to be served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence).

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) to the extent that maximum sentences imposed on those offenders convicted of battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery involving strangulation are increased. Proposed law mandates that no less than one year of any sentence imposed is served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence, and it has the impact of potentially increasing the sentences for those convicted of domestic abuse battery and battery of a dating partner involving strangulation. The exact fiscal impact to the DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of offenders who will be convicted or the lengths of sentences that will be imposed.

For illustrative purposes, SGF expenditures will increase by \$107.60 per offender per day to the extent that an offender is convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility or \$29.39 per offender per day for an offender housed in a local facility. Corrections Services reports that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to affect the number of offenders held in local facilities. Corrections Services reports that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

For informational purposes, over the last three years, there have been 32 persons annually admitted to the custody of DPS&C-CS with a conviction of domestic abuse battery involving strangulation, with an average sentence length of 2 years and an average of 222 persons annually admitted to the custody of DPS&C-CS with a conviction of battery of a dating partner involving strangulation, with an average sentence of 2.2 years. If these admissions were to continue at the annual average for the last three years, with maximum penalties imposed at an additional 7.8 years, the state would assume a cost of approximately \$21.7 M (254 inmates x 365 days per year x 7.8 additional years x \$29.96 hourly rate) if offenders are housed at local facilities.

For every five additional offenders admitted for an additional two years annually into the custody of DPS&C-CS with a conviction of domestic abuse battery involving strangulation or battery of a dating partner involving strangulation, SGF expenditures would exceed \$100,000 annually (2 additional years x \$29.96 x 365 x 5 offenders = \$109,354).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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