

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 577** HLS 19RS 909

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 22, 2019	1:59 PM	<b>Author:</b> NORTON
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Public Safety and Corrections		<b>Analyst:</b> Monique Appeaning
<b>Subject:</b> Threatening Law Enforcement Officers & Social Media Threats		

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Amends the crime of threatening a public official to apply to law enforcement officers and threats made through social media

Proposed law retains present law and amends the crime to apply to threats made to law enforcement and further provides that the crime of threatening a public official includes threats made through social media.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may impact expenditures of local governing authorities. A conviction of the crime of threatening a law enforcement officer is a misdemeanor and would result in expenditures for local governing authorities. Proposed law provides for a maximum imprisonment of six months.

Proposed law provides an additional charge for District Attorneys (DAs) to consider when examining evidence related to the arrest of individuals suspected of committing or being involved in the commission of certain crimes related threatening a law enforcement officer. The potential expenditure impact is indeterminable as the number of offenders that DAs may decide to prosecute under proposed law in lieu of prosecuting under existing statutes is unknown. The potential net effect on sentencing decisions cannot be determined and the potential cost impact is therefore unknown.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds revenue as a result of potential fines if a person is convicted of threatening a law enforcement officer. The maximum fine is \$500. The potential net effect on sentencing decisions cannot be determined and the potential revenue impact is therefore unknown. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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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