

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB 86 |
| Version: | ENGR |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Rep. McEntire |
| Date: | 3/22/2019 |
| Impact: | Reduces a felony to misdemeanor, increases a maximum sentence, broadens a definition |

Research Analysis

SB 86 provides that a person convicted of assaulting a medical care provider to be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year of imprisonment. The measure amends the definition of medical care provider to include laboratory technicians, radiological technologists, medical students, physical therapists, physician assistants and chaplains. The measure also increases the penalty for assaulting a medical care provider performing medical care duties from up to one year of imprisonment to a maximum of two years of imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 86 reduces a current felony crime to a misdemeanor offense. This could generate cost savings for Dept. of Corrections (DOC) depending on the number of individuals that will be convicted. The measure also increases an incarceration penalty from one to two years which could increase costs for DOC. SB 86 also broadens the definition of medical care provider which can increase the amount of individuals charged for the crimes. Ultimately the impact is contingent upon how many individuals are convicted and sentenced. Currently it costs DOC an average of \$58.70/day or \$21,425.50/year to incarcerate one inmate.

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Other Considerations

None.