

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 4376
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	10596
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Impact:	Creates felony; potential increase in incarceration costs, potential increase in fine revenue

Research Analysis

The CS to HB 4376 creates the crime of "smash-and-grab burglary" which is when a person intentionally enters a mercantile establishment with the intent to commit a theft that results in discernible damage to the mercantile establishment in excess of \$500. Punishment is a felony subject to not less than 2 nor more than 10 years imprisonment, a fine of not less than \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment. Second and subsequent convictions subject the person to not less than 4 years nor more than 20 years imprisonment, a fine of not less than \$20,000, or both fine and imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would create a new felony for smash-and-grab burglary. The committee substitute defines the new crime, as well as penalties. The penalties include incarceration in the Department of Corrections, as well as a fine of not less than \$10,000.

Upon review, passage of the measure may have a fiscal impact. By creating a new felony, the measure may increase the costs of incarceration borne by the Department of Corrections. The measure may also increase fine revenue received by the state. The exact impact of the measure would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.