

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2966
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10366
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Impact:	DOC: Minimal
	AOC: Revenue positive
	State Budget: No material impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2966 creates the crime of assault and battery upon a municipal building inspector or municipal code enforcement officer while in the performance of their duties. The penalty is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in the county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both fine and imprisonment. A second or subsequent conviction is a felony punishable by up to 2 years in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000 or both fine and imprisonment. Aggravated assault and battery upon a municipal building inspector or municipal code enforcement officer while in the performance of their duties is a felony, punishable by not less than 2 years nor more than 5 years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000 or both fine and imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure creates in statute new offenses to protect certain municipal agents from various types of assault by imposing mandatory fines and/or imprisonments for those convicted of such offenses. The mandatory fines have the potential to generate between \$1,000-\$5000 per conviction for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The mandatory imprisonments range from 1 year to 5 years per conviction. However, the frequency of convictions for a new crime is not predictable.

In its current form, HB2966 has the potential to generate new fines and fees for the AOC, and new imprisonments for the DOC at a cost of \$16.60/day per inmate to be absorbed by existing budgetary resources, or both per conviction. This is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.