

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB1100
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Impact:	AOC: Revenue Positive
	DOC: Minimal
	State Budget: No material impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1100 modifies the penalties related to obscene, threatening, or harassing telecommunication or other electronic communications by including any other online platform. The measure provides that it is unlawful to make indecent comments with intent to harass or threaten to inflict injury, physical harm, or severe emotional distress to any person or to post such threats on an online platform. The measure also provides that it is a violation of this section of law to commit an act of bullying. Punishment for conviction is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year or both fine and imprisonment. A second offense is punishable as a felony with a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment in the Department of Corrections for up to two years, or both fine and imprisonment. A third or subsequent conviction is punishable as a felony with a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$100,000, imprisonment for up to ten years, or both fine and imprisonment. The measure also provides that it is a crime to willfully use a computer, computer system, computer network, or other electronic device or system to aid in a suicide or attempted suicide.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure modifies penalties for certain electronic communications. Depending on the offense, fines range \$500 to \$100,000 and imprisonments range from up to one year in a county jail or up to 10 years in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The collection of these fines would have a revenue positive impact on the Administrative Office of the Courts, and any imprisonments within the DOC would bear a marginal cost of \$16.60/day per inmate to be absorbed by existing budgetary resources. In its current form, SB1100 is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

