

BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1597
Version:	CS
Request Number:	12923
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Date:	2/26/2025
Impact:	AOC: Budget Neutral
	DOC: Minimal

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1597 creates an offense for impeding, threatening or harassing a first responder. The offense is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 1 year in the county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB1597 creates in statute a new crime related to interfering with or approaching first responders that are engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty. Persons convicted of this crime shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year, or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.