

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2715
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Impact:	AOC: Budget Neutral DOC: Minimal

Research Analysis

HB 2715 increases the punishment for maliciously projecting a laser at a law enforcement officer from \$100 to a fine of not more than \$500 and up to one year in the county jail for a first offense. A second offense is increased from a misdemeanor to a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and custody in the Department of Corrections for up to 2 years. The punishment for projecting a laser at an aircraft in flight is increased to a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for not less than 3 months nor more than 2 years or both fine and imprisonment. A second or subsequent offense is a felony punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine and not less than one year nor more than 5 years in prison.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2715 increases penalties and updates language for crimes related to projecting a laser at law enforcement officers. Under the new measure, fines will change anywhere from \$100-\$1000 to \$500-\$5000 depending on offense, and sentence lengths will change anywhere from 0-1 year to 0-5 years depending on offense. Any change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or any change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agency. Therefore, in its current form, HB2715 is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.