

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2798
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Impact:	AOC: Budget Neutral
	DOC: Minimal

Research Analysis

HB 2798, as introduced, provides that any superintendent or school administrator that knowingly and willfully fails to promptly report or interferes with the prompt reporting of child abuse or neglect will be, upon conviction, guilty of a felony. Such felony will be punishable by imprisonment of at least two years and/or by a fine of at least \$20,000 as well as community service. The measure also adds sexual battery to the list of what counts as child abuse and neglect within this statute.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2798 modifies provisions related to the duty to report certain instances of child abuse or neglect, and sets forth penalties for such cases. Penalties in these cases range from a fine of \$0-\$20,000, imprisonment not less than 2 years, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any 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 agency. Therefore, in its current form, HB2715 is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.