

BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB743 |
| Version: | POLREC |
| Request Number: | 13465 |
| Author: | Lawson |
| Date: | 4/16/2025 |
| Impact: | Please see previous summary of this measure |

Research Analysis

The policy recommendation for SB 743 modifies the punishment for disturbing a religious meeting by providing a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment for up to 1 year in the county jail or both fine and imprisonment. A second or subsequent offense is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to 2 years or both fine and imprisonment.

The measure clarifies acts which constitute disturbance of a religious meeting to include knowingly obstructing, detaining, hindering, impeding, or blocking the entry of another person to or exit from a place where such meeting is held; and knowingly approaching another person within 8 feet of such person, unless the other person consents, for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill to, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with to the other person in the public way or sidewalk area within a radius of 100 feet from any entrance door to a place where the meeting is held.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.