

CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 16RS

BILL #: HB 295

BR #: 1321

DOC ID#:

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. Linder **AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):**

SUBJECT: AN ACT relating to assault in the third degree.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 508.025 to include assaults on public utility workers within the offense of assault in the third degree.

This bill amendment committee substitute is expected to:

Have the following Corrections impact Have no Corrections impact

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Creates new crime(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Repeals existing crime(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases penalty for existing crime(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreases penalty for existing crime(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases incarceration | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreases incarceration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces inmate/offender services | <input type="checkbox"/> Increases inmate/offender services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases staff time or positions | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces staff time or positions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes elements of offense for existing crime(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain) _____ | |

STATE IMPACT: Class A, B & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of \$61.09. Most Class D felons are housed in one of 78 full service jails for up to 5 years. DOC's cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in a jail is \$31.92 per day (includes jail per diem, medical & central office costs), not including substance abuse treatment. Projections are based on the daily rate x 365 x number of years.

Projected Impact: NONE MINIMAL MODERATE SIGNIFICANT

Potential Cost: Section Under the current law, intentionally causing physical injury to another person is Assault 4th, a Class A Misdemeanor. This bill changes the law so that intentionally causing physical injury to a person employed by a public utility will now be Assault 3rd which is a Class D Felony. While it is not possible to know the number of persons who would be effected by the proposed change, the suspected impact is minimal.

A Class D Felony sentence is 1 to 5 years.

10 Class D Felons cost \$118,660 to \$600,720.

1 Class D Felon costs Ky. \$11,866 to \$60,072.

100 Class B Felons cost \$22M to \$44.5M.

LOCAL IMPACT: Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until disposition of the case. While the expense varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders.

Projected Impact: NONE MINIMAL MODERATE SIGNIFICANT

Creates no new misdemeanor offenses. Section

Based on the \$31.34 per diem rate, the local impact is estimated as follows:

The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:

Dept. of Corrections Dept. of Kentucky State Police Administrative Office of the Courts Parole Board Other

NOTE: Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population or that impose new obligations on state or local governments.

APPROVED BY: _____

