

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 79** HLS 18RS 539

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Corrections		<b>Analyst:</b> Monique Appeaning
<b>Subject:</b> Abuse of Person with Infirmities		

CRIME RE SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Creates the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means and provides for criminal penalties and exceptions

Proposed law creates the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means and provides for criminal penalties, exceptions and definitions. Proposed law states that this crime is committed when a person transfers an image that was obtained by any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, unmanned aircraft system, or any other image recording device and that was obtained for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping any person with an infirmity. Proposed law also explains that this crime is committed when a person transfers an image obtained by live or recorded telephone message, electronic mail, the internet, or a commercial online service. Proposed law states that this crime is committed when a person transfers the image with the malicious and willful intent to embarrass, shame, harass, coerce, abuse, torment, or intimidate, regardless of whether the victim has knowledge of the transfer.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services if a person is convicted for a second or subsequent offense of abusing persons with infirmities through electronic means. The maximum imprisonment term imposed is three years at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. SGF expenditures will increase by \$54.21 per offender per day if an offender is housed in a state facility or \$24.39 for a state offender housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Correction Services for one year would increase SGF expenditures by \$19,786.65 (\$54.21 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$8,902.35 (\$24.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility. Approximately 50% of state offenders are housed in state facilities and approximately 50% of state offenders are housed in local facilities.

A first conviction is a misdemeanor and would result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of abusing persons with infirmities through electronic means. The maximum imprisonment term is six (6) months at the local level.

Proposed law provides an additional charge for District Attorneys (DAs) to consider when examining evidence related to the arrest of individuals suspected of committing or being involved in the commission of certain crimes related to abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means. The potential expenditure impact is indeterminable as the number of offenders that DAs may decide to prosecute under proposed law in lieu of prosecuting under existing statutes is unknown. The potential net effect on sentencing decisions cannot be determined and the potential cost impact is therefore unknown.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines for the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities. The maximum fines assessed are: first offense - \$1,000 and second or subsequent offenses - \$2,000. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority. The potential net effect on sentencing decisions cannot be determined and the potential revenue impact is therefore unknown.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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