

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 127** HLS 21RS 648

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Submitting false statements in unclaimed property claims		

CRIME EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Creates the crime of submitting false statements and false or altered documents in unclaimed property claims

Proposed legislation creates the crime of submitting false statements and false or altered documents in unclaimed property claims and provides for criminal penalties. The penalties include imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years and/or fines up to \$10,000. Offenders convicted under this law shall be ordered to make full restitution to the Department of Treasury.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There may be an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C) if a person is convicted of submitting false statements and/or submitting false or altered documents in an unclaimed property claim. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, since the legislation creates a new crime and it is not known how many individuals will be convicted of the crime. However, any offender sentenced to the custody of DPS&C increases SGF expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day in adult local housing and \$67.36 per offender per day in a state facility.

Any offender convicted of this crime would cost DPS&C \$9,632 annually (\$26.39 per offender/day x 365 days) in adult local housing and \$24,586 annually (\$67.36 per offender/day x 365 days) in a state facility. The maximum time of imprisonment is five years; therefore, the maximum increase to the SGF would be \$48,160 (\$9,632 annually per offender X 5 years) in adult local housing and \$122,930 (\$24,586 annually per offender x 5 years) in a state facility.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There may be an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines if a person is convicted of this new crime. The maximum fine is \$10,000 and the potential revenue will accrue to the local government entities.

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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