

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action: W/ SEN FLOOR AMD

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Subject: Judicial Security - Limited Access to Personal Information

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Provides relative to judicial security

<u>Proposed law</u> permits a protected individual or the judicial administrator's office on behalf of a protected individual to request a governmental entity or 3rd party to remove a judge's personal information; requires that a request to not publish or remove the protected individual's personal information from any publication be in writing and sent via certified mail or email, and that the request provide sufficient information to confirm that the requester is a protected individual, unless the request is made by the judicial administrator's office; provides procedures for governmental entities and 3rd parties relative to notice and time obligations relative to removal of personal information of protected individuals; provides for injunctive or declaratory relief, together with attorneys' fees, for violations of proposed law by governmental entities or 3rd parties; provides for damages for violation of proposed law by 3rd parties; provides that a judicial administrator's office or protected individual may bring a mandamus action for declaratory or injunctive relief, or attorneys fees; provides that a person shall not knowingly publish the personal information of a protected individual if he knows or reasonably should know that publishing the information poses an imminent and serious threat to the protected individual; provides that those in violation are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both; effective 2/01/25.

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of knowingly publishing the personal information of a protected individual with knowledge or reasonable knowledge that publishing the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the protected individual. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than 90 days.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C - CS).

<u>Proposed law</u> may also result in an increase in Local Funds and SGF expenditures in public bodies, to the extent that they fail to comply with notice and time obligations and are subsequently ordered to pay damages and attorney's fees relative to litigation associated with failure to remove personal information of protected individuals. The exact fiscal impact of the <u>proposed law</u> is indeterminable, as the number of violations and the amount of corresponding litigation that may arise as a result of its enactment is unknown.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of knowingly publishing the personal information of a protected individual with knowledge or reasonable knowledge that publishing the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the protected individual. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional and variable in nature. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	House	\sim
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		Jomes Mamore
13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer