



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

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 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
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 Proposed Amd.:
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 Provides relative to conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace

Current law provides for the crime of disturbing the peace and provides for its legal definition. Proposed law adds conduct described within disturbing the peace as intentionally and without lawful authority entering or remaining in a church or other place of worship during a religious gathering or worship service with the intent to create a disturbance, interrupt, or interfere with the worship service and causing a substantial disturbance of the service by (1) violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior directed at any person lawfully attending, leading, or participating in the service, (2) unreasonably loud or abusive language or noise such that the service is materially disrupted, including causing the cessation of the service, a significant delay, or the dispersal of participants, or (3) interference with the conduct of the service by physical obstruction, intimidation, or threat of force toward clergy, worship leaders, or attendees; assesses sentences for violation of proposed law to (1) imprisonment with or without hard labor for no more than 5 years, a fine of no more than \$5,000, or both, and (2) for offenders who violate proposed law while using a dangerous weapon or inflicting serious bodily injury, imprisonment with or without hard labor for no more than 10 years, a fine of no more than \$10,000, or both, and (3) for offenders acting in concert with another, imprisonment with or without hard labor for no more than 7 years, a fine of no more than \$7,500, or both.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					

Annual Total

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that a person is convicted of disturbing the peace by intentionally and unlawfully entering a place of worship, religious gathering, or worship service with the intent to create a disturbance, or interrupt or interfere with the worship service. Proposed law has the effect of adding circumstances under which an offender can be convicted of disturbing the peace and is a relative felony. Any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for their violation. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many people will be convicted or the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term for disturbing the peace while using a dangerous weapon or inflicting serious bodily injury while intentionally and unlawfully entering a place of worship, religious gathering, or worship service with the intent to create a disturbance, or interrupt or interfere with the worship service is ten years.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$29.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since 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.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of disturbing the peace while using a dangerous weapon or inflicting serious bodily injury or acting in concert with another to intentionally and unlawfully enter a place of worship or religious gathering or worship service with the intent to create a disturbance, or interrupt or interfere with the worship service. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable, as the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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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