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HF 432 - Abuse of Human Corpse (LSB 1174 HV)
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Description

House File 432 expands the definition of abuse of a human corpse to include mutilation, disfiguring, dismembering, hiding, or burying a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime and creates two new Class D felonies.

Background

Since 1998, there has been one conviction for abuse of a human corpse; however, the current definition is limited to sexual deviancy and is a sexually violent offense. The penalty for this offense is a Class D felony.

Assumptions

- The average State costs for one Class D felony conviction ranges from \$4,700 (court costs, probation, and indigent defense) to \$12,300 (court costs, jury trial, indigent defense, prison, and parole). The maximum costs will be incurred across multiple years while the offender is supervised in the correctional system, either in prison or in the community.
- The average length of stay for a Class D felon on probation is approximately 34 months at a cost of \$3.15 per day.
- The average length of stay in prison for a Class D felon is approximately 19 months at a cost of \$14.80 per day. These offenders are usually then placed on parole for approximately 14 months at a cost of \$3.15 per day.

Correctional Impact

Although it is likely that an expanded definition would result in additional charges and convictions, there is no readily available information to estimate this number.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time, but is anticipated to be minimal.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (CJJP)
Judicial Branch
Department of Corrections
State Public Defender

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