

Senate Study Bill 3007 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SODDERS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of interference with
2 official acts at county jails, municipal holding facilities,
3 and judicial district departments of correctional services,
4 and providing penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 719.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A person under the custody, control, or supervision of
4 the department of corrections, a judicial district department
5 of correctional services, a county jail, or a municipal holding
6 facility, commits interference with official acts when the
7 person knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a
8 correctional officer, jailer, agent, employee, or contractor,
9 whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of the person's
10 official duties.

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EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to interference with official acts.

15 Under the bill, a person under the custody, control, or
16 supervision of a judicial district department of correctional
17 services, county jail, or municipal holding facility who
18 knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a jailer,
19 agent, employee, or contractor in the performance of the
20 official duties of the jailer, agent, employee, or contractor
21 commits interference with official acts.

22 The criminal offense for the commission of interference
23 with official acts pursuant to the bill ranges from a serious
24 misdemeanor through a class "C" felony depending upon the facts
25 of the offense under Code section 719.1(2).

26 A person who assaults a jailer or an employee of a judicial
27 district department of correctional services may also be
28 punished pursuant to the existing provisions of Code section
29 708.3A.