

House File 52 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of interference with
2 judicial acts and certain county-provided bailiff and law
3 enforcement services, and providing penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 720.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. *"Court employee"* means the same as defined in section
4 602.1101 or a person providing bailiff or other law enforcement
5 services pursuant to section 602.1303, subsection 4.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to the criminal offense of interference
10 with judicial acts.

11 Currently, a person who harasses a judicial officer, court
12 employee, or a family member of a judicial officer or a court
13 employee in violation of Code section 708.7, with the intent
14 to interfere with or improperly influence, or in retaliation
15 for, the official acts of a judicial officer or court employee,
16 commits interference with judicial acts.

17 The bill expands the definition of "court employee" to
18 include persons the county provides to the court pursuant to
19 Code section 602.1303(4), to provide bailiff and other law
20 enforcement services.

21 Interference with judicial acts is classified as an
22 aggravated misdemeanor.