

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3157
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10184
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Date:	3/5/2024
Impact:	DOC: Minimal
	AOC: Revenue positive
	State Budget: No material impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 3157 creates a graduated penalty for those convicted of maintaining or operating a house of prostitution. A person convicted of maintaining or operating a house of prostitution is guilty of a felony punishable by up to 5 year imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000 on a first conviction. Upon a second conviction or third conviction, the fine rises to \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively. Any person convicted of maintaining a house of prostitution where a victim of the offense is under 18 years of age is guilty of a felony punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000 for a first offense. Upon a second or third conviction, the fine amount increases to not more than \$20,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Persons convicted under these provisions are not receive a suspended or deferred sentence or be sentenced to probation and may only receive achievement earned credits while incarcerated.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure creates a graduated penalty for those convicted of maintaining or operating a house of prostitution. Depending on the offense, the penalties set forth in the measure range from a \$5,000 to \$30,000 fine, and up to 5 years imprisonment within the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The frequency of such convictions is not predictable. In its current form, HB3157 has the potential to generate new revenues for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), create new imprisonments within the DOC at a marginal cost of \$16.60/day per inmate, and is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.