## **BILL SUMMARY**

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Bill No.: HB1591
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Request Number: 10027
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Impact: Average per Conviction Cost to DOC:

\$231,313.74

Max Cost Aggregate to DOC: \$114,268,986.58

average amount of time served:

## **Research Analysis**

HB 1591 adds domestic abuse by strangulation, domestic assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault and battery upon a law officer to the list of crimes for which a person is required to serve 85% of the sentence upon conviction.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

HB1591 adds 21 O.S. 644 Domestic Abuse by Strangulation, 21 O.S. 644 Domestic Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon, and 21 O.S. 650 Aggravated Assault and Battery Upon a Law Officer to the list of crimes for which persons convicted shall serve not less than 85% of any sentence imposed. According to officials with the Department of Corrections (DOC), current sentencing data for these crimes, as well as the associated costs of incarceration, can be found in the following table:

Statutory Reference	Description	Average Sentence Length Imposed (Years)	Average Time Served (Years)	85% of Average Sentence Imposed (Years)	Average Increase in Time Served (Years)	Annual Cost of Incarceration per Inmate (Assuming Medium Security @\$69.97/day * 365)	Increased Cost Aggregate Per Inmate Sentenced for this Crime	Current # of Inmates Sentenced for This Crime	Maximum Cost Aggregate for all Inmates Sentenced for this Crime
21 O.S. 644	Domestic Abuse by Strangulation	10.99	1.63	9.34	7.70	\$25,556.54	\$196,895.58	438	\$86,240,264.04
21 O.S. 644	Domestic Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon	11.01	2.08	9.35	7.27	\$25,556.54	\$185,700.38	7	\$1,299,902.66
21 O.S. 650	Aggravated Assault Upon a Law Officer	33.86	7.42	28.76	21.34	\$25,556.54	\$545,486.12	49	\$26,728,819.88
Total Maximum Increased Cost Aggregate to DOC if inmates sentenced for these crimes serve 85% of the sentence imposed instead of the curren						\$114,268,986.58			

Based on current sentencing data, the average increase in time served multiplied by the \$25,556.54 Annual Cost of Incarceration per inmate (assuming each inmate is incarcerated at a medium security facility that bears DOC's average incarceration cost of \$69.97/day), the total projected maximum increased cost aggregate to DOC is \$114,268,986.58 if all inmates were to serve the increased sentence lengths pursuant to HB1591. Using a weighted average to account

for the varying numbers of inmates with different increased sentence lengths, the cost on a per conviction basis is as follows:

Statutory Reference	Description	Current # of Inmates Sentenced for this Crime	% of Total Sentences for these Crimes	Average Increase in Time Served (Years)	Weighted Average Increase in Time Served (Years)
21 O.S. 644	Domestic Abuse by Strangulation	438	88.66%	7.70	6.83
21 O.S. 644	Domestic Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon	7	1.42%	7.27	0.10
21 O.S. 650	Aggravated Assault Upon a Law Officer	49	9.92%	21.34	2.12
	9.05				
		Annual Cost of Incard Medium Security @ \$	\$25,556.54		
		Weighted Average	\$231,313.74		

Overall, the weighted average increase in time served is 9.05 years across all sentences. Using the same \$25,556.54 Annual Cost of Incarceration per inmate, this amounts to a Weighted Average Cost Increase of \$231,313.74 per conviction. While DOC expects to absorb these costs in the short term, the agency may need appropriations in the future to manage the increased prison population.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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