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FISCAL NOTE

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Senate Bill 568 (Senators Green and Forehand)

Judicial Proceedings

Crimes - Laser Pointers - Prohibited

This bill prohibits a person from knowingly using a laser pointer in a public place to illuminate another person in a manner that harasses or endangers the other person. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of \$500. The bill prohibits these provisions from being construed to apply to the use of a laser pointer for certain educational purposes, or during the normal course of work or trade activities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase minimally under the bill's monetary penalty provision because these cases will be heard in the District Court. Expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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