

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1721
Version:	CS
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Impact:	Removes one felony, provides exceptions for another

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1721 allows a person with a valid carry license to carry a weapon on public bus. The measure provides that it is unlawful to discharge a firearm within a bus, unless the action is determined to have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS on HB 1721 removes one felony and provides exceptions for another. The removed felony and its associated penalties are as follows:

Crime	Penalty
Any non-authorized law enforcement officer boarding a bus with a dangerous or deadly weapon	Felony: imprisonment of not more than 10 years and/or a fine of not more than \$10,000

An exemption is added for the following felony:

Crime	Penalty
Any person who discharges a firearm or hurl or place in the path any missile at, into or within any bus terminal or transportation facility <u>exception: unless such action is determined to have been in defensive force resulting in immediate peril of death or serious injury</u>	Felony: imprisonment of not more than 5 years and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000

The average cost of incarceration in the custody of Oklahoma DOC is \$52.24/day or \$19,067.60/annually. Both the elimination of the felony and the exception from the other may reduce incarceration rates. This is contingent upon how many people are convicted for these two crimes.

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Other Considerations

None.

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