BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 3369
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Impact: Creates a misdemeanor and associated fines

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute to HB 3369 provides that it is unlawful to sell or give a child a crossbow unless the crossbow is for participation in hunting animals or fowl, hunter safety classes, education and training in the safe use and handling of crossbow. The measure provides that it is unlawful for any parent or guardian to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permit his or her child to possess a crossbow, if the parent or guardian is aware of a substantial risk that the child will use the weapon to commit a criminal offense or if the child has either been adjudicated a delinquent or has been convicted as an adult for any criminal offense that contains as an element the threat or use of physical force against the person of another. The measure provides it is unlawful for a child to possess a crossbow except while hunting or at hunter safety classes. The penalty for a first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 and up to 30 days in jail. A second or subsequent offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 and up to 3 months in jail. Additionally, the measure provides that any person violating these provisions is liable for civil damages for any injury or death and for any damage to property.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3369 creates a misdemeanor as well as associated fines. The overall fiscal impact to the state and the state agencies who receive revenue from this is contingent upon how many individuals are convicted as well as the amount of the fine they are ordered to pay.

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Other Considerations

None.

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