

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3500
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	10878
Author:	Rep. McEntire
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Impact:	Adds felony penalty

Research Analysis

The CS to HB 3500 increases the penalty for assaulting a school employee. The measure makes it a felony to assault an employee and increases the maximum jail time to two years, from one year. The maximum jail time for aggravated assault is also increased, from two years to five years.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would increase the punishment for assault on a school employee or student to a felony from a misdemeanor. The penalty would be incarceration in the custody of the Department of Corrections or a fine of up to \$2,000.00, or both such incarceration and fine.

Upon review, passage of the measure may have a fiscal impact to the state. By adding the option for a felony conviction, the measure could increase the incarceration costs borne by the Department of Corrections. The measure could also increase fine revenue received by the state. The exact impact would depend on the number and disposition of cases.

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Other Considerations

None.