

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 3810 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 9379 |
| Author: | Rep. Stinson |
| Date: | 2/28/2022 |
| Impact: | Creates misdemeanor; potential fine revenue |

Research Analysis

HB3810, as introduced, requires all personal information pertaining to a justice or judge to be confidential and not publicly available on any state or political subdivision publication, website or media without written authorization and allows a judge to obtain a court order requiring a government entity to remove the personal information if a written request is initially ignored.

Personal information includes the home address, email and telephone number of the judge; the name or home address of a spouse, partner or child(ren) of the judge; or the name of the childcare facility or school where the child(ren) of the judge attends.

The measure also creates a misdemeanor crime for knowingly publishing personal information pertaining to a judge punishable by up to 90 days in county jail, up to \$500 in fines, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, as introduced, would require that certain personal information of judges or Justices be kept confidential and not made publicly available on any state or political subdivision resource. The measure would also make it a misdemeanor to knowingly publish any judge or Justice's personal information. The penalty for this misdemeanor would be a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days.

Upon review, passage of the measure may have a fiscal impact. The measure creates a misdemeanor and could potentially increase fine revenue. The exact impact would depend on the number of cases filed and their disposition.

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Other Considerations

None.