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Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB3299 creates new criminal offenses related to the creation and dissemination of digitized or synthetic media without consent. The measure establishes misdemeanor penalties (up to 1 year imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine) and felony penalties (up to 5 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine) for violations involving financial harm exceeding \$25,000 or use for extortion purposes. The measure also creates a separate misdemeanor offense for political advertising violations (up to 1 year imprisonment and a \$2,500 fine). The frequency of a newly created crime cannot be predicted, and any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) from these penalty modifications are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.