

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

SB 871 adds the crime of causing an accident, while eluding or attempting to elude an officer, that results in great bodily injury to any other person to the list of crimes for which the offender must serve 85% of the sentence. The measure also modifies the punishment for causing an accident, while eluding or attempting to elude an officer, that results in great bodily injury to any other person from not less than 1 year to a term of not less than 5 years nor more than 7 years.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Engrossed version of SB871 would add the crime of causing an accident while eluding an officer to the list of crimes for which those convicted must serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed. Officials with the Department of Corrections have provided the following information:

SB 871 increases the felony range of punishment for eluding a police officer as defined in 21 OS 540. Currently there are 237 inmates incarcerated with a controlling offense under this statute. The average sentence length is 5328 days, or 14.59 years. The average sentence length already exceeds the range of punishment that exists both in statute and within the new proposed range. If the new statute required those convicted to serve 85% of the maximum of the new sentencing range, then the time served would be less than what they are currently serving based on the existing sentencing guidelines for this crime. There would be no fiscal impact unless the courts were to continue to enhance the sentences beyond the average of what they are currently sentencing.

Therefore, in its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.