



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 351

PRINTERS NO. 341

PRIME SPONSOR: J. Ward

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

#### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 351, Printer's Number 341 amends Section 2702 (Aggravated Assault) of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to add "health care practitioner or technician" to the list of enumerated officers, agents, or employees.

#### ANALYSIS:

Under current law, an individual who attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to any officers, agents, employees as outlined in Section 2702 (c) commits the offense of aggravated assault. SB 351 would add "health care practitioner or technician" to the list of enumerated officers, agents, or employees.

The definition of "health care practitioner" is referenced in Section 103 of the Health Care Facilities Act and the term "technician" is defined in Section 2 of the Medical Practice Act.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Any fiscal impact resulting from any additional aggravated assault arrests, convictions and sentences due to enactment of this legislation is indeterminable. The aggravated assault of any officer, agent or employee covered under the legislation would result in a charge of a felony of the first or second degree (fine up to \$25,000 and maximum prison penalty of 10-20 years).

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*