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Senate Bill 390 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to add first-degree "criminal road endangerment" to the Code's list of sentencing guidelines offenses. First-degree criminal road endangerment, which is proposed by Senate Bill 287 (S-3), would be categorized as a Class F felony against public safety, with a four-year statutory maximum sentence.

The bill also would add to the sentencing guidelines list some offenses that were enacted in 1998, after the list was originally compiled. These include the felony of destruction of trees or shrubs to make a sign more visible, as enacted by Public Act 533 of 1998. This offense (which becomes effective on April 1, 1999) would be categorized as a Class H felony against property, with a two-year statutory maximum sentence.

In addition, the bill would add to the list several new felony offenses and penalties enacted in 1998 that involve drunk driving and operating a vehicle without a license.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 287.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 390 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government.

To the extent that the bill would create a class for crimes enacted during the last legislative session and for crimes proposed under tie-barred legislation, minimum sentences for those crimes would be established. There are no available data that indicate the number of offenders who may be convicted of these crimes or the judicial sentencing patterns under enacted sentencing guidelines.

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