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House Bill 6553 (as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative John Stakoe House Committee: Judiciary

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to revise the scoring of offense variable 9 (number of victims) in the application of the sentencing guidelines, and include as victims people who were placed in danger of property loss. The Code requires the court to score points for offense variable 9 as shown below.

| Condition                | Points Scored |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Multiple deaths occurred | 100           |
| 10 or more victims       | 25            |
| 2 to 9 victims           | 10            |
| Fewer than 2 victims     | 0             |

Under the bill, the court would have to score points for offense variable 9 as shown below.

| Condition  | Points Scored |
|--|---------------|
| Multiple deaths occurred   | 100           |
| 10 or more victims placed in danger of physical injury or death, or 20 or more victims placed in danger of property loss     | 25            |
| 2 to 9 victims placed in danger of physical injury or death, or 4 to 19 victims placed in danger of property loss            | 10            |
| Fewer than 2 victims placed in danger of physical injury or death, or fewer than 4 victims placed in danger of property loss | 0             |

In scoring offense variable 9, the court must count as a victim each person placed in danger of injury or loss of life. The bill would require the court to count each person placed in danger of physical injury or loss of life or property.

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## FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of offenses involving victims who were placed in danger of property loss. To the extent that the bill would increase incarceration time, local governments would incur increased costs of incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. The State would incur increased costs of incarceration in a State facility at an average annual cost of \$31,000.

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