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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1902 by Cook (relating to creating the criminal offense of jugging.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Creating a new criminal offense may result in an increase in demands upon state and local correctional resources due to a possible increase in the number of individuals placed under supervision in the community or sentenced to a term of confinement. The impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources cannot be determined due to the lack of data to estimate the prevalence of conduct outlined in the bill's provisions that would be subject to criminal penalties.

The bill would create the state jail felony offense of jugging, committed when a person, with intent to commit monetary theft and while in possession of at least two instruments specially designed, made, or adapted for use in the commission of an offense, travels from a commercial business or financial institution along a route substantially coinciding with a route travelled by another person. When during commission of the offense, the person additionally commits burglary of a vehicle, the offense would be punishable as a third degree felony, or as a first degree felony when during commission the person additionally commits robbery.

Local Government Impact

While the fiscal impact cannot be determined, creating a new offense may result in additional demands upon local correctional resources due to a possible increase in the number of individuals placed under supervision in the community or confined locally.

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