



Senate Fiscal Agency  
P. O. Box 30036  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

## BILL ANALYSIS



Telephone: (517) 373-5383  
Fax: (517) 373-1986

Senate Bill 973 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Senate Bill 974 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones  
Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

Senate Bill 973 (S-1) would amend the Michigan Penal Code to do the following:

- Include "threaten" in a prohibition against attempting to intimidate, hinder, or obstruct a public officer, employee, or peace officer from discharging his or her duties by use of an unauthorized process; and include the intent to interfere with the legal process as an element of the crime.
- Specify that the prohibition would include certain conduct, such as threatening to harm or using force against the officer or employee, or a member of his or her immediate family.

Senate Bill 974 would amend the sentencing guidelines in the Code of Criminal Procedure to change citations to the Michigan Compiled Laws section that Senate Bill 973 (S-1) would amend.

MCL 750.478a (S.B. 973)  
777.16x (S.B. 974)

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 973 (S-1) could have a negative fiscal impact on the State and local government. More misdemeanor and felony arrests and convictions could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, jails, and correctional facilities. The average cost to State government for felony probation supervision is approximately \$3,024 per probationer per year. For any increase in prison intakes, in the short term, the marginal cost to State government is approximately \$3,764 per prisoner per year. Any associated increase in fine revenue increases funding to public libraries.

Senate Bill 974 would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Date Completed: 5-22-18

Fiscal Analyst: Ryan Bergan