

HB 2299 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates mandatory minimum sentences of imprisonment when a person is convicted of crime of fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and the person, while fleeing or eluding, drove their vehicle through a residential, business, or school zone, or exceeded a posted speed limit by 30 miles per hour or more. Increases duration of mandatory minimum when person has prior convictions for fleeing or attempting to elude.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A person commits the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer if the person is operating a motor vehicle and a police officer, who is in uniform and prominently displaying the police officer's badge or operating a vehicle appropriately marked showing it to be an official police vehicle, gives a visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop, and either: (1) The person, while still in the vehicle, knowingly flees or attempts to elude a pursuing police officer; or (2) The person gets out of the vehicle and knowingly flees or attempts to elude the police officer.

HB 2299 creates enhanced penalties for individuals who commit the crime of attempting to elude an officer and, while fleeing in a vehicle, drive in a residential, business, or school zone, or exceed a posted speed limit by 30 miles per hour. The mandatory time of imprisonment increases for individuals with previous convictions for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The maximum sentence of imprisonment a person can receive under HB 2299 is 90 days jail for three or more convictions.