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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: January 25, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 18 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Craig W. Brandt **Agency Name and Code Number:** Administrative Office of the District Attorneys 264
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

Lines 11-14	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 18 adds the crime of “Swatting” to Section 30-20-16, NMSA 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.
 None

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A person who is convicted of the crime of Swatting will face the same penalty as a person making a bomb scare and/or shooting threat. The penalty is a fourth degree felony, punishable by up to 18 months in prison and a \$5000 fine.

The crime of Swatting is defined in subsection C, page 2, lines 11-14.

“Public safety agency” is defined on paragraph (2), page 3, lines 16-19.

As with any other times that crimes are added to the criminal statutes, it may impact the workload, resources and personnel of those in the agencies that make up the criminal justice system, including District Attorneys Offices.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL
Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS