

HB 117 – False Personation (Identical SB 1010)

This bill adds “firefighter” and “fire or arson investigator” to current statute which creates offense of falsely impersonating law enforcement. It also removes “officer of Department of Transportation” from the list.

This offense is a 3rd degree felony ranked in level 2 of the CC ranking chart (overall incarceration rate of 11.3% in FY 13-14).

In FY 13-14, 29 (adj) offenders were sentenced for this offense with 3 (adj) receiving a prison sentence (mean sentence length=24.0 m, incarceration rate: 10.3% adj-10.0% unadj). The addition of firefighter and fire or arson investigator (and expansion of law enforcement personnel/representative definition) would not be expected to have much impact.

(Note: 22(adj) were sentenced and 1 went to prison in FY 12-13)

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: House