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Senate Bill 231 (as introduced 3-8-11)
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 28 (Vital Records) of the Public Health Code to prescribe a criminal penalty for failing to inform a law enforcement agency or 9-1-1 operator of the discovery of a dead body under certain circumstances.

Specifically, except as otherwise provided under Part 28, if an individual discovered the body of a person he or she knew or had reason to know to be dead and, with the purpose of hiding or concealing the fact or cause of death, failed to inform a law enforcement agency or a 9-1-1 operator of the discovery, the individual would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year's imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$1,000.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of the proposed misdemeanor offense. Local governments would incur the costs of incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. Additional penal fine revenue would benefit public libraries.

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