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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Lorena Gonzalez, Chair

SB 1200 (Jackson) – As Amended May 31, 2016

Policy Committee: Public Safety

Vote: 7 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: Yes

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the annual crime report published by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to include information concerning arrests for animal cruelty.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

- 1) Minor absorbable cost to DOJ to report the required data.
- 2) Likely minor reimbursable local costs (General Fund) for reporting additional information to DOJ. However, the cost to provide the additional information may be so minor that a claim for reimbursement is not likely.

**COMMENTS:**

**Background and Purpose.** Current law requires the DOJ to collect specified crime-related data, and to prepare an annual report of crime-related statistics. This annual report contains statistics, submitted by various state and local agencies, regarding the amount and types of offenses known to public authorities; the personal and social characteristics of criminals and delinquents; the administrative actions taken by law enforcement, judicial, penal, and correctional agencies or institutions, including those in the juvenile justice system, in dealing with criminals or delinquents; and the number of citizens' complaints received by law enforcement agencies, as specified. Current law also provides specified punishment for various crimes of animal cruelty.

According to the author, "So evident is the correlation between animal abuse and violence to humans that in 2016 the FBI began collecting data on animal cruelty in the same way as homicide, arson, and assault via its National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). "

"With the proven correlation between animal abuse and human violence the goal of SB 1200 is to gather accurate data so that we can develop appropriate policies to help reduce the possibility of further acts of violence upon people."

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