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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 286

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill reduces, from 72 hours to 24 hours, mandated reporting timeframes for elderly protective services.

Under current law, mandated reporters who fail to timely report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) when they have reasonable cause to suspect that an elderly person needs protective services or has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned, are subject to a fine of up to \$500. The bill eliminates the fine for a first-time failure and instead requires someone who fails to report within the required 24-hour timeframe for the first time to retake the mandatory elder abuse training and provide the DSS commissioner with proof of successful training completion. It requires repeat violators to (1) retake the training and provide the proof of successful training completion and (2) be fined up to \$500.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, intentional failure to report is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense, punishable by up to three months in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both. Subsequent offenses are a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/17/2022)