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SB541 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Walter H. North

Committee: TRANSPORTATION

Analyst(s): Hamilton, William

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### State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase  
Revenues: Indeterminate/Increase

### Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None  
Revenues: None

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SB 541 would amend the State Aeronautics Code (PA 327 of 1945) to update the Code to reflect changes in aeronautics technology. In addition, the bill would add criminal penalties for violations of the provisions of Sections 83. This section requires that a person operating a civil aircraft in the state comply with the federal airman certification requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations. The section currently has no penalties for violations. In addition, the bill would new Section 83b to require that persons conducting flight operations have a valid federal aviation rules air carrier or operating certificate or a commercial operator's certificate. The bill would also add new Section 83a which would prohibit persons holding valid certificates from conducting flight operations in violations of that certificate. Both new sections establish criminal penalties for violations of the requirements. The bill would also strike parts of Section 86 - including subsection 11 which provides for a \$50 temporary field permit fee. Authority for assessing this fee is currently also provided in Bureau of Aeronautics' administrative rules and would not be affected by deleting from Section 86 of the Code.

The bill could increase state revenue to the extent that the new penalties established in the bill would generate revenue from fines. The bill could increase state costs to the extent that those convicted of violating the criminal penalties of the bill were incarcerated. We have no estimate as to how many persons might be convicted of the criminal offences which would be established in the bill.