

## Committee on Criminal Justice

### **CS/HB 287 — Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence**

by Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee and Rep. Garrison and others (CS/SB 796 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Bradley)

The bill creates a new felony offense building upon the current offense of tampering with or fabricating evidence. The new offense provides that tampering with or fabricating evidence relating to a criminal trial or proceeding or an investigation involving a capital offense is a second degree felony. The bill ranks the new offense as a Level 6 offense in the Offense Severity Ranking Chart. Additionally, the bill ranks the third degree felony offense of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence as a Level 3 offense in the Offense Severity Ranking Chart.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2022.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 111-1*