A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING OFFENSES AGAINST AN UNBORN CHILD.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill provides that, if the commission of any crime codified in the criminal code or traffic code is the proximate cause of death or injury to an unborn member of the species homo sapiens, the prosecuting attorney, in charging the underlying offense, may also charge the homicide or assault offense that is appropriate to the death or injury.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 18-1-506 as follows:

18-1-506. Construction of statutes regarding unborn members of the species homo sapiens. If the commission of any crime codified in this title or Title 42, C.R.S., is the proximate cause of death or injury to an unborn member of the species homo sapiens, the respective homicide and assault charges for that death or injury may be brought simultaneously with the underlying charges.

SECTION 2. Potential appropriation. Pursuant to section 2-2-703, C.R.S., any bill that results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in the state correctional facilities must include an appropriation of money that is sufficient to cover any increased capital construction and operational costs for the first five fiscal years in which there is a fiscal impact. Because this act may increase periods of imprisonment, this act may require a five-year appropriation.

SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect July 1, 2016, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.