

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2839-01
Bill No.: HB 1263
Subject: Crimes and Punishments: Children and Minors
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue	(\$7,735)	(\$7,967)	(\$8,206)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$7,735)	(\$7,967)	(\$8,206)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government⁰	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH), Office of Prosecution Services** and the **State Public Defender** assume the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services (DOS -DFS)** stated the proposed legislation would fiscally impact their organization due to the long term need to inform the public, especially women of child rearing years. The DFS would need additional funding to cover costs of producing, publishing, and distributing this legislated information on a regular basis. DOS officials stated that the cost to produce about 85,000 brochures annually would be \$7,735. DFS would distribute brochures to doctors offices, hospitals, clinics, WIC offices, all county offices of state agencies, county health agencies, colleges and universities and professional health and social service organizations across the state.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - Department of Social Services</u>			
Equipment and Expense- Brochures	(\$7,735)	(\$7,967)	(\$8,206)
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Social Services	<u>(\$7,735)</u>	<u>(\$7,967)</u>	<u>(\$8,206)</u>
ESTIMATED EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$7,735)</u>	<u>(\$7,967)</u>	<u>(\$8,206)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>			
	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would protect a parent from prosecution for abandonment if the parent left a newborn, who is 30 days old or younger and has not been physically abused, in the custody of a hospital staff member, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or a church staff member. The person taking custody would take reasonable actions to protect the newborn until the Division of

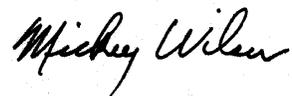
Family Services takes custody of the newborn. The person taking custody would notify the Division, which would be required to take physical custody of the child within 6 hours of contact.

The Division of Family Services would provide information and answer questions about the process established by this proposal on a toll-free telephone line established under terms of this proposal. In addition, it would prepare and distribute a pamphlet providing information to the public about the provisions of the proposal. The pamphlet would make a prominent display of the toll-free telephone number.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Department of Health
Office of Prosecution Services
State Public Defender



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