

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0716-05  
Bill No.: SCS No. 2 for SB 155  
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Services Division; Social Services Department  
Type: Original  
Date: March 9, 2005

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Social Services**, the **Office of Administration - Office of Child Advocate** and the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** (AGO) assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

AGO states additional staff and expenses are not being requested with this single proposal, but if multiple proposals pass during the legislative session which require policy form reviews, the AGO will need to request additional staff to handle the increase in workload.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
	<b>(10 Mo.)</b>		
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<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 changes the reporting requirement for child abuse and neglect. This proposal changes the time period to forty-five days and changes the trigger to the conclusion of the investigation by the division.

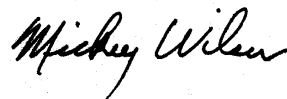
Additionally, the proposal provides for the expungement of information after 45 days in the case of malicious, harassment or retaliatory reports for all other reports filed - not just for those filed against mandatory reporters.

For reports initiated by mandated reporters, where insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect is found, information shall be retained for 5 years. For all other reports where insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect is found by the division, identifying information shall be retained for two years from the conclusion of the investigation.

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

Office of Attorney General  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Administration—  
Administrative Hearing Commission  
Office of Child Advocate



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