

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4209-03  
Bill No.: HCS for SB 739  
Subject: Administrative Law; Social Services Department; Family Law; Children and Minors  
Type: Original  
Date: May 4, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal relates to administrative child support decisions.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<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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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Department of Social Services** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state Section 558.019 will eliminate the requirement of the Sentencing Advisory Commission to establish and publish a system of recommended sentences. The research responsibilities of the commission with regard to measuring sentencing disparity and investigating alternative sentencing will remain.

The DOC incorporates the recommended sentences and the commission's risk assessment into the sentencing assessment reports that are requested by the courts. Elimination of the recommended sentences would have costs to the department associated with the required modification to the data systems that provide the sentencing assessment reports.

DOC is unable to determine at this time the impact of these changes on sentencing practices. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this legislation on DOC is (Unknown).

In response to HB 257 in 2011, which abolished the Sentencing Advisory Commission, the Office of the State Courts Administrator assumed a savings of the one FTE that is currently assigned to the commission. This proposal does not abolish the commission, only reduces their tasks by eliminating the system of recommended sentences. **Oversight** assumes this will not reduce the need for the FTE assigned to the commission.

**Oversight** also assumes the DOC will be able to absorb any additional responsibilities that result from this proposal with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<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.

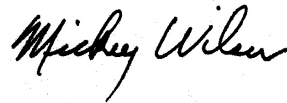
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 the State Courts Administrator  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Corrections

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