

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**L.R. No.:** 4273-03

**Type:** Original

**Bill No.:** SB 977

**Date:** February 12, 2016

**Subject:** Children and Minors; Courts; Crimes and Punishment; Criminal Procedures

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**Bill Summary:** This proposal prohibits the use of restraints on children under the age of 17 and pregnant and post-partum offenders during court proceedings except in certain circumstances.

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

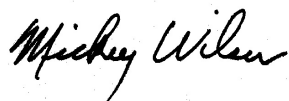
In response to similar legislation from 2015, SB 269, officials at the **Office of the Attorney General** assumed that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

In response to similar legislation from 2015, SB 269, officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assumed no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal prohibits the use of restraints on children under the age of 17 and pregnant and post-partum offenders during court proceedings except in certain circumstances. Oversight assumes this is a change in policy and procedures during court proceedings and will have no direct fiscal impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (continued)

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, this legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.



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