

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2920-02  
BILL NO.: SB 811  
SUBJECT: Increases Parental Liability for Certain Acts of Children  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: January 25, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Department of Social Services, Office of State Public Defender, Office of Prosecution Services, and Department of Insurance** assume that this proposal will not fiscally affect their agencies.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2001 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2001 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

This proposal amends two provisions regarding parental liability for damages caused by their children. Currently, a court may order a juvenile or that juvenile's parent to make restitution to the victim of an offense committed by the juvenile, but the restitution is limited at \$4,000. The act increases this amount to \$50,000.

The parent or guardian of any un-emancipated minor (excluding foster parents) against whom a judgment has been rendered for intentional destruction of property shall be liable for payment of the judgment up to \$50,000. This amount is currently limited to \$2,000.

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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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of State Public Defender  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Department of Insurance

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA  
Director  
January 25, 2000