

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3131-01
BILL NO.: SB 735
SUBJECT: Merchandising Practices; Telecommunications
TYPE: Original
DATE: January 24, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

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ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General (AGO)** assume any additional costs generated as a result of the proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)** assume the proposed legislation could result in costs to the local prosecutors, but the amount is unknown. **Oversight** assumes any costs could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development-Public Service Commission (PSC), Department of Economic Development-Office of Public Counsel (OPC), Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** and the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

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

This proposal could have a direct fiscal impact on certain small businesses to the extent those businesses rely on sales by telemarketers.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would establish guidelines to regulate unsolicited telephone calls. It would require that certain information be provided promptly to the consumer receiving the telephone call. It would prohibit certain practices, such as making arrangements for a direct transfer from any deposit account based on information gained per an unsolicited telephone call without obtaining express written permission to authorize such a transfer. Violations of this act would constitute an unlawful practice.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

This proposal would not affect Total State Revenues.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Attorney General
Office of Prosecution Services
Department of Economic Development-Public Service Commission
Department of Economic Development-Office of Public Counsel
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of State Public Defender



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