

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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LRB Number 15-3479/1	Introduction Number AB-0430	
Description Granting victims of certain crimes the right to be accompanied by a victim advocate		
Fiscal Effect State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <u>0</u> <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 601		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill gives a victim of sexual assault, human trafficking or child abuse the right to request accompaniment by a victim advocate to an examination or consultation. The bill also gives a victim of certain crimes the right to be accompanied by an advocate to certain interview or proceedings related the crime. The bill requires the hospital to notify the victim or parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a minor victim, of the right to be accompanied by a victim advocate. The hospital may make notification using a form provided by the Department.

Under this bill, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to develop a form to be used by hospitals to provide notification to victims and, if a victim is a minor, the victim's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, of his or her right to be accompanied by a victim advocate. In cooperation with the Department of Justice, DHS is required to develop guidelines for and provide assistance to hospitals that are subject to the requirements. DHS is also required to investigate any complaint concerning noncompliance by a hospital with the requirements of the bill.

This bill will result in one-time and ongoing costs to DHS. These costs must be funded by 100% GPR because the bill creates state-only regulations. Under this bill, it is estimated that the one-time costs to develop a form for hospitals to notify victims of their rights under this bill and establishing guidelines and assistance for hospitals can be absorbed by DHS. This bill would increase ongoing costs by increasing the number of hospital complaints the Department must investigate to three per year, resulting in annual ongoing costs of \$6,000 GPR. This estimate is based on an average of 40.82 hours required to respond to a complaint filed against a hospital and an estimate of three complaints received per year under the provisions of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2015 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$5,400		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	600		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$6,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	6,000		
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	<u>State</u>		<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$6,000		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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