

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 10/27/2015

LRB Number	15-1327/2	Introduction Number	SB-323	Estimate Type	Original
Description Granting victims of certain crimes the right to be accompanied by a victim advocate					

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

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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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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