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Fiscal Effect					
Appropriations Reversible Decrease Existing Decrease Appropriations Reversible Create New Appropriations	ease Existing to		May be possible agency's budget ☐No		
Permissive Mandatory Perm 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decr	ase Revenue Go	oes of Local vernment Unit ected Towns Counties School Districts	s Village Cities Others WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations					
GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS					
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires certain persons who have cause to suspect that a child, seen in the course of professional duties, has been abused must report it to law enforcement or to a social services agency. A law enforcement agency must report cases of child abuse in which a caregiver is suspected of the abuse or of failing to take action to prevent the abuse to a social services agency. Current law, however, permits, rather than requires, a law enforcement agency to refer to a social services agency a case in which a non-caregiver is suspected of the abuse, and permits, rather than requires, the social services agency to initiate an investigation. Under current law, a person who commits an act of prostitution may be fined and/or imprisoned; however, a court may consider a consent decree under the Juvenile Justice Code or a deferred prosecution agreement if a person under age 18 is guilty of committing an act of prostitution.

Under this bill, a person who has not attained age 18 may not be prosecuted for committing an act of prostitution. The bill eliminates the option for a person under 18 to enter a consent decree or a deferred prosecution agreement. In addition, a law enforcement agency must refer to a social services agency, and the agency must investigate a case of child abuse in which a non-caregiver is suspected of permitting, allowing, or encouraging the child to engage in prostitution.

Prosecutors do not expect that this bill will have a fiscal impact on their offices.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Should this bill be enacted, prosecutors do not anticipate that there will be a long-term fiscal impact on their offices.