

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>15-0860/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0959</b>
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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>	
<b>State:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<b>Local:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <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 <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill eliminates provisions in current law that excepts spiritual treatment of a child in the law criminalizing physical abuse, including intentional causation of bodily harm, reckless causation of bodily harm, and failure by persons responsible for a child's welfare to act to prevent bodily harm. In addition, the bill provides that a county department of social services that receives a report of suspected or threatened abuse or neglect may not base a determination that a child, member of the child's family, or a child's guardian is in need of services solely on the fact that the child's parent or guardian has cultural or religious child-rearing beliefs that differ from general community standards, unless they present a specific danger to the physical or emotional health or safety of the child.

Prosecutors believe that such cases would be quite complex, but cannot determine if this bill would result in more cases being prosecuted, or if it would make it simpler to prosecute these cases. Due to the infrequency of such cases, it is difficult to quantify any fiscal effect this bill may have on District Attorney offices. Consequently, a fiscal estimate is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Prosecutors cannot predict if there will be a long-term fiscal impact on their offices should this bill be enacted.