

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original
 Updated
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 23-5643/1	Introduction Number SB-0949
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Description
 courtroom supports for and sealing the identifying information of child victims and child witnesses of human trafficking crimes

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 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
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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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	S 20.625(1)(a) and S.20.680(2)(a)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

CTS 2/14/2024

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that child victims or child witnesses of human trafficking crimes must be provided any courtroom supports that the court finds necessary to support the health, safety, or liberty of the child and determines are in the interest of justice.

The bill also provides that in any criminal proceeding for a human trafficking violation or civil action for injury due to human trafficking, a child victim's or child witness's identifying information must be sealed and may not be disclosed to the public unless the court orders the disclosure to be made after a hearing in which the court takes into consideration the health, safety, and liberty of the child and determines that the disclosure is in the interest of justice.

The bill will require time to educate clerks and judges on their responsibilities under this legislation and update criminal and victim-related model recordkeeping. The bill provides that child victims/witnesses will be "provided any courtroom supports that the court finds necessary to support the health, safety, or liberty of the child and determines are in the interest of justice." This may result in costs for counties to provide supports, e.g., visual barriers, technology to allow simultaneous remote appearance, support persons, advocates, mental health professionals, etc.

Clerks of Court offices would have to process these cases to maintain child victim/witness identifying information in a confidential manner.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

This bill is unlikely to have a long-range fiscal effect to the courts; however the impact to the counties is indeterminate.