

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
01/29/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2384

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$47,266			\$47,266		

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill requires that upon the completion of a child abuse and neglect assessment, the Department of Human Services send a certified letter to each parent or the guardian of the child an assessment was conducted on. The county is designated by the Department to be the agent in the delivery of child abuse and neglect assessment services. If this bill passes, the Department of Human Services will require the county social service office to send the certified letter as part of the assessment process. Thus, the fiscal impact would be on the county social service offices.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
  
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

As the county social service agencies are serving as designees of the Department of Human Services when they conduct a child abuse and neglect assessment, the fiscal impact will be on the counties.

It is estimated that a total of 6,319 certified letters would need to be sent each year at a current charge of \$3.74 per letter, or \$23,633 per year. For a biennium, the cost is estimated to be \$47,266.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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