

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

02/21/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: SB 2384

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

Revenues

Expenditures

Appropriations

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
			\$476			\$476		

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 and when a decision is made that services *are required*, the Department of Human Services shall make a good-faith effort to provide written notice of the decision 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. Thus the bill would have a fiscal impact on the counties. The county currently provides written notification of the assessment results to the subjects of an investigation. If this bill passes, the Department will require the county social service office to use an affidavit process in notifying any non-custodial parent of said child's assessment requiring services.

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 office 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 about 700 cases each year require services. The Department does not have a system to determine if said child of the assessment has a non-custodial parent. Therefore, at most, 700 good-faith effort written notifications will need to be sent each year at a current charge of a standard letter - 34 cents. For the biennium, the cost is estimated to be \$476.

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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