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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7777

BILL NUMBER: HB 1356

DATE PREPARED: Mar 19, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Mar 18, 1999

SUBJECT: Office of Women's Health.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health. The bill describes the purposes of the Office. It requires the Commissioner of the State Department of Health to appoint a director of the Office and any other necessary employees to staff the Office. The bill requires the State Health Commissioner to appoint an Advisory Committee on Women's Health to advise the director of the Office regarding duties relating to the Office. It prohibits the director or employees of the Office from advocating, promoting, or advancing abortion or the use of contraceptives or abortifacients by a nonemancipated minor.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill creates the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health (SDOH). It requires the Commissioner of the SDOH to appoint the chief of the office and any other employees that are necessary. The bill describes the various duties and responsibilities of the Office and requires the creation of the Advisory Committee on Women's Health. There is no appropriation in this bill. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. The January 29, 1999 personnel manning table shows the SDOH has 93 vacancies. At the end of the last fiscal year the SDOH reverted \$3.9 million. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: