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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6892**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1456**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 17, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Jury instructions concerning fault and damages.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that in an action based on comparative fault, the jury shall be informed of any immunity defense that is available to a nonparty. It provides that a jury in a case involving punitive damages must be advised of the: (1) limitation on the amount of punitive damages that may be awarded; (2) ability of the court to reduce the amount of a punitive damage award; and (3) requirements concerning allocation of money received in payment in a punitive damage award.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**