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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8196
BILL NUMBER: HB 2087

DATE PREPARED: Jan 22, 1999
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child protection system.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires an individual reporting that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect to include in the report the individual's name, address, and telephone number. The bill requires an individual receiving the report to verify the reporter's telephone number. It limits the types of information that may be included in the report. The bill requires that most physical examinations in cases of alleged child abuse or neglect must be conducted by a licensed physician in a licensed health care facility. It specifies who may take photographs in cases of alleged child abuse or neglect, how the photographs must be stored, and to whom the photographs must be made available. The bill requires that photographs taken as a result of an unsubstantiated report of alleged child abuse or neglect must be destroyed immediately after the report is determined to be unsubstantiated.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: There will be a fiscal impact to the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) due to the requirement that most physical examinations in cases of alleged child abuse or neglect must be conducted by a licensed physician in a licensed health care facility. It is estimated that approximately 25% of all child abuse or neglect cases involved children who are Medicaid eligible. In those cases that involve Medicaid eligible children the federal share is 61.31% and the state share is 38.69%. The projected cost of the Medicaid eligible children is dependant on the number of examinations that need to be conducted, the cost of the licensed physician, and the cost of using a hospital, medical clinic or licensed health care facility.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: