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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7499
BILL NUMBER: SB 393

DATE PREPARED: Jan 5, 1999
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Privilege for guardians ad litem.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a report prepared by a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate and attachments to the report may be read only under certain circumstances. The bill makes communications in a case involving custody or visitation or in a case in juvenile court between a child and a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate appointed to represent and protect the best interests of the child privileged, confidential, and protected except in certain circumstances. It abrogates that privilege for purposes of reporting child abuse or neglect or testifying in a case related to abuse or neglect. The bill exempts from the scope of the privilege the ability of a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate to present evidence regarding an investigation or report required by the court in a case involving custody or visitation. It makes a conforming amendment.

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: