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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7845

BILL NUMBER: SB 566

DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Possession of a firearm by a child.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes dangerous possession of a firearm by a child who is less than 16 years of age a delinquent act under the exclusive jurisdiction of the juvenile court. (Current law does not address the appropriate jurisdiction for a case involving the dangerous possession of a firearm by a child who is less than 16 years of age.) It also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill clarifies juvenile court jurisdiction for the offense specified. This provision provides for arrest and conviction for the offense of possessing a firearm in public. It is unlikely, in most cases, that this offense would be prosecuted by itself (experience shows that a more significant firearm offense is usually charged). Any additional convictions due to this provision would probably be very few. Juveniles convicted of this offense may be sent to DOC juvenile facilities.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Juvenile courts would be unlikely to experience any measurable effect due to this bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Juvenile trial courts, law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Gary Chavers, Marion County Prosecutor's office, 327-5959.