

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 558

April 4, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Department of Children's Services to do the following:

- Exert leadership with the Child Protective Investigative Teams.
- Study the feasibility of extending investigative responsibilities of the Child Protection Investigative Teams to include all reports of serious abuses and life threatening neglect.
- Develop strategic partnerships to enhance prevention, investigative response, treatment and family support.
- Develop partnerships with schools and community service agencies to emphasize community-based service models.
- Examine use of differential response models.
- Identify common characteristics of unfounded reports of maltreatment and strategies to reduce unwarranted child protective services involvement and to re-direct public resources to areas of prevention, training and technical assistance

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

According to the Department of Children's Services, these recommendations are being studied. Bill urges and encourages but does not mandate implementation of the provisions contained in the resolution.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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