

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1149 - HB 1063

March 23, 1999

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that if a juvenile court removes an unruly or delinquent child from his home and commits the child to the Department of Children's Services, the Department shall place the child in a facility in a location conducive to family visitation defined as within 65 miles from home. If such facility is unavailable or if the Department of Children's Services reimburses reasonable travel expenses or if the court determines that family visitation is not in the best interest of the child, then the limits on the location of placement does not apply.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes the Department of Children's Services will not have placements for all children within 65 miles from home and will be required to reimburse travel expenses for some families.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James A. Davenport, Executive Director