

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2085 - SB 2125

April 2, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to investigate complaints and assess civil penalties ranging from \$50 to \$500 for smoking violations in places where children are present under the Children's Act for Clean Indoor Air.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$754,700 Recurring
\$127,600 One-Time
Increase State Revenues – Less than \$100,000**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would need to establish a new regulatory section in the central office with field agents in seven rural regions and six metropolitan regions. A director, administrative assistant, and 13 field agents would be hired at an estimated \$527,500 for salaries and benefits.
- The Office of General Council has estimated that two attorneys and one legal assistant would be required to conduct hearings, to apply to civil courts, and to assist in assessing damages and penalties which are estimated at \$136,700 for salary and benefits.
- Travel expenses for 18 people, communications, OIR system support and office supplies estimated at \$90,500.
- Office setup expenditures including a toll free complaint line, computers, software and landscaping estimated at \$127,600.
- Revenues collected from penalties and damages are estimated at less than \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director