COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1890-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 746

Subject: Alcohol; Children and Minors; Courts.

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 25, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Director's Office** and the **Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** state while there may be a significant number of instances where minors misrepresent their age, CTS would not expect the actual number of related civil actions to be great.

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small liquor businesses could pursue civil action against minors (between 17 and 21) who represent themselves to be older in order to obtain liquor.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal creates a civil cause of action against any person under the age of 21 who misrepresents his or her age to obtain alcohol. The owner of any establishment with a license to sell alcohol can sue any minor who attempts to obtain alcohol through misrepresentation of age while on the owner's premises. If the owner prevails, the court must award damages in the amount of \$1,000, reasonable costs, and attorney fees.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator Department of Public Safety

NOT RESPONDING: Office of the Attorney General

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