

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB745

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron O'Brien

3. Committee Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would require any regular minister, priest, rabbi, or accredited practitioner, including a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner, to report suspected child abuse or neglect to a local department of social services or the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline. The bill does not require the reporting of privileged communications between such individuals and the persons they counsel or advise.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources