

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number Senate Bill 314

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Janet D. Howell

3. Committee Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect

- 5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill requires any regular minister, priest, rabbi or duly accredited practitioner, over the age of 18 years of any religious organization or denomination usually referred to as a church 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 exempts from the mandatory reporting requirement information required by the doctrine of the religious organization or denomination to be kept in a confidential manner and information that the practitioner would not be required to disclose in court testimony pursuant to other Code provisions.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Social Services
Local departments of social services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources