

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 253

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Howell, Janet D.

3. Committee Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Child abuse and neglect; reporting requirements by ministers of religion

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires any regular minister, priest, rabbi, or accredited 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 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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources