

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1069

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Athey

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Adult abuse; mandatory reporting by person employed in emergency department of any hospital

5. Summary: This legislation requires any person employed in the emergency department of any private or state-operated hospital to report to Adult Protective Services (APS) when an adult is treated for serious bodily injury and the adult is unable to explain the cause of his injuries due to physical or mental incapacity. The attending physician must make the report.

6. Minimal Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: This statement assumes that the hospital emergency department employees referenced in this bill are mandated reporters. The costs associated with educating, notifying, and training hospital emergency department employees of the reporting requirements should be negligible since the education of mandated reporters is an ongoing function of the APS program with numerous brochures and training materials already available. Information is also provided on the Department of Social Services (DSS) website. Many community organizations and employers will continue to assist with notification to mandated reporter groups by providing information through new employee orientation, newsletters, conferences, and membership mailings.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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