

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB981

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: School zones; use of certain devices by drivers prohibited.

5. Summary: Provides that any person who operates a moving motor vehicle within a school zone or school crossing zone while using any handheld personal communications device in any manner for any purpose is guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$250. The bill also provides that signs marking school zones shall contain a notice indicating that the use of handheld personal communications devices is prohibited within the zones.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: Although this legislation could have a possible additional revenue impact from additional convictions, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impact at this time. Any possible additional revenue derived from this legislation will be deposited in the Literary Fund.

In addition to any revenue impact, localities or the Department of Transportation may incur an expenditure impact for costs associated with signage.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Court System, Localities, Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.