

Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 135

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Senate Courts of Justice

4. Title: Human trafficking training

5. Summary:

Current law requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to develop a model policy relating to human trafficking for law-enforcement personnel. It also requires that the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, shall provide awareness and training materials for local school division staff on human trafficking, including strategies for the prevention of trafficking of children.

The proposed legislation would require DCJS to also establish compulsory training standards relating to identification and investigation of human trafficking. Furthermore, the legislation would require that anyone seeking licensure or license renewal as a teacher must have completed training in human trafficking recognition, intervention, and prevention in accordance with the training materials developed by the Board of Education and the Department of Social Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The Governor's introduced budget bill includes funding for an additional position for DCJS to develop training standards; therefore, the agency would be able to implement the requirement of the bill within its existing resources. However, because the legislation requires the establishment of compulsory training for law-enforcement, it could have a fiscal impact on regional law enforcement training academies, which will have to develop and provide the training to officers within their jurisdictions. There is not enough information available to project the fiscal impact on the training academies.

The Department of Education has indicated that it can absorb within its existing resources any fiscal impact the proposed legislation might have on it.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Department of Education
Regional criminal justice training academies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB 678.

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