

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB984

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

2. Patron: Yancey

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Prostitution; minors.

5. Summary: Allows a petition for a child in need of services to be substituted for a delinquency petition for a minor arrested for prostitution if the minor is willing to participate in specialized services for those engaged in commercial sexual conduct

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8. Below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would permit the courts to file a “child in need of services” (CHINS) petition on behalf of a minor that is arrested for prostitution. Once a child is given the CHINS designation, the child becomes eligible for services through the Children’s Services Act (CSA). In FY2017, the average cost for a CHINS mandated child was \$22,323.

However, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) reports that there were zero cases of children being committed as a result of prostitution in FY 2017. In FY 2016, there were five. Because of the low number of youth that are committed to DJJ for this reason, it is not anticipated that the legislation will have a significant fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Children’s Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.