

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1786

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: Gooditis

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Child abuse or neglect; definition; independent activities.

5. Summary: Clarifies that no child whose parent or other person responsible for his care allows the child to engage in reasonable independent activities without adult supervision shall for that reason alone be considered to be an abused or neglected child, provided that such independent activities are appropriate based on the child's age, maturity, and physical and mental abilities. The bill provides that such independent activities may include traveling to or from school or nearby locations by bicycle or on foot, playing outdoors, remaining at home for a reasonable period of time, or remaining in a vehicle if such vehicle is parked in a safe location and the temperature is not and will not become dangerously hot or cold.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill does not have a fiscal impact. The legislation codifies current practice for determining the validity of a report alleging physical neglect by inadequate supervision of a child.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB1367.