

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB 905

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

2. **Patron** Rerras, Nick

3. **Committee** Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. **Title** Definition of abused or neglected child

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Specifies that a decision by parents or other person responsible to refuse a particular medical treatment for a child with a life-threatening condition shall not be deemed a refusal to provide necessary care if (i) such decision is made jointly by the parents or other person responsible and the child; (ii) the child is sufficiently mature to have an informed opinion on the subject of his medical treatment; (iii) the parents or other person responsible and the child have considered alternative treatment options; and (iv) the parents or other person responsible and the child believe in good faith that such decision is in the child's best interest. Also requires that a physician making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect identify himself by name if the report is based solely on the parents' decision regarding medical treatment for their child.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** None

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**
Department of Social Services

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** This legislation is similar to HB 2319.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources