

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 4

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: Marshall, Robert G.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Child abuse or neglect; athletic coach or director of public school, etc. required to report to DSS

5. Summary: The proposed legislation adds athletic coaches and directors in public or private schools or in institutions of higher education to the list of persons required to report child abuse or neglect to the Department of Social Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact (see item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Adding athletic coaches and directors employed by institutions of higher education to the list of mandated reporters is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services. The department already has online training available to any and all mandated reporters on how to recognize, identify and report suspected child abuse and neglect. In addition, the department does not anticipate that this population will significantly increase the number of child protective services (CPS) investigations and/or foster care places such that additional funding would be required. However, should the cumulative impact of multiple legislative proposals sufficiently increase the number of reports and subsequent investigations adding state resources will be required to augment CPS staff.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 1/12/12

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