

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 970

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: Delegate Robert B. Bell

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Require public and private college employees to report suspected child abuse

5. Summary: This bill makes it mandatory for any person employed by a public or private higher education institution in the Commonwealth to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Section 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: There are no costs associated with adding employees of higher education institutions to the list of those required to report suspected child abuse. Given that failure to report within 72 hours results in a fine of not more than \$500, with additional fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 for subsequent failures, there is a possibility of additional revenue being generated with more individuals subject to these provisions. Any additional revenue collected would be deposited into the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: public higher education institutions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 303.

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