

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1527

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: Berg, Mark J.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Child abuse or neglect; mandatory reports involving sexual offenses

5. Summary: The proposed legislation provides that for purposes of triggering the duty of a mandatory reporter to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the local department of social services, a reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected includes a reasonable belief that a sexual act has been committed upon the child in violation of Article 7 (Criminal Sexual Assault) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 or the statutes prohibiting indecent liberties with children. The bill also provides that any other person may make a complaint regarding such acts to the local department of social services and provides for the investigation of school personnel suspected of committing such acts. Finally, the bill also provides that all law-enforcement departments and other state and local entities shall cooperate with each child-protective services coordinator in the prevention of such sexual acts being committed upon a child

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 1/30/15