

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB868-ER

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

**2. Patron:** Favola, B.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Child protective services; investigation of complaints of child abuse or neglect.

**5. Summary:** Requires the State Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations that require local departments of social services to respond to valid reports and complaints alleging suspected abuse or neglect of a child under the age of two within 24 hours of receiving such reports or complaints.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires local Departments of Social Services to respond to valid complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child under the age of two within 24 hours of receipt of the complaint. The legislation will change how local departments prioritize their workload and respond to reports, but will not change the overall number of reports they must investigate or assess. This bill does not have a fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local Departments of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:**