

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1399

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: Petersen

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Corporal punishment of a child with an object; penalty.

5. Summary: This bill prohibits any parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the care of a child under 18 years of age from using an object to subject a child to corporal punishment, as defined in the bill. The bill allows exceptions to this provision in specified circumstances. Violation of this provision is punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill also allows the court to defer proceedings against anyone convicted of a first violation of this provision and order him to parenting classes or other treatment programs. Further, the bill requires that charges be dismissed upon successful completion of the treatment program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the impact of this bill cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None