

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB75

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Howell

**3. Committee:** Committee on the Judiciary

**4. Title:** Minors; allowing access to firearms, penalty.

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of anyone under the age of 18 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Under current law, any person who recklessly leaves a loaded, unsecured firearm in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of any child under the age of 14 is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. This bill expands this penalty to include recklessly allowing access to such firearm to anyone under the age of 18.

A Class 3 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. 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