Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	SB12	214-S1					
	House of Origin		Introduced	\boxtimes	Substitute		Engrossed	
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled	
2.	Patron: L	ucas						
3.	Committee: Passed the Senate							
4.		Child abuse and neglect; custody and visitation; possession or use of substances authorized under Title 4.1 or Chapter 34 of Title 54.1.						
5.	Summary: Provides that a child shall not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person shall be denied custody or visitation of a child, based solely on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed substances authorized under Title 4.1 or Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 in accordance with applicable law. The second enactment clause directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill.							
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No.							
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. No fiscal impact. See Item 8.							
8.	Fiscal Implications: This legislation codifies the existing practice for determining the validity of a complaint of child maltreatment involving substances authorized under Title 4.1 or Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 by the parent or caretaker. Therefore, this legislation 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 Comme	ents: 1	None.					