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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 447	Introduced on February 21, 2017
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Subject:	Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect	
Requestor:	Senate General	
RFA Analyst(s):	Shuford	
Impact Date:	March 6, 2017	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

Existing Department of Social Services child protective services personnel can administer the investigation and intervention activities from the required reports from medical professionals when drugs and alcohol affect infants within their current appropriations. Therefore, this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to receive reports from physicians, nurses, or any other medical or allied health professionals when children up to one year in age are diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Reports to the department are required for children up to one year old, who are affected by the presence or withdrawal from alcohol, a nonprescribed controlled substance, or an illegal substance. Medical professionals must also notify the department when a pregnant woman diagnosed with an alcohol or other substance abuse disorder is not cooperating with an established treatment plan.

The department indicates that existing child protective services personnel can administer the reports required by the bill within their current appropriations. Any investigations and interventions arising from the mandated reports are activities that would be conducted in the normal course of the department's response to child abuse or neglect cases. Additionally, the department indicates that the reporting requirements of the bill will assist in the State's compliance with the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as reauthorized in 2010.

Therefore, this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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