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Bill Number: S. 0531 Introduced on February 19, 2019
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Subject: Children's Advocacy Centers
Requestor: Senate Family and Veterans Services
RFA Analyst(s): Gallagher and Gardner
Impact Date: March 7, 2019

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, Federal Funds, or local court resources. While the bill is expected to increase the caseload within magistrate and family courts, we anticipate that any additional expenditures will be managed within existing appropriations and resources.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires that documents released to the Department of Social Services, in regard to the investigation and assessment of allegations of child abuse or neglect, be accompanied by an order of protection issued by a magistrate or family court judge. Any individual who fails to obey the order of protection will be found in contempt of court.

This bill requires that the order of protection be issued by a magistrate or family court judge. This requirement is expected to increase the number of hearings within those courts. The Judicial Department anticipates that any additional expenditures for family courts will be managed within existing funding. As such, we anticipate this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill requires that documents released to the Department of Social Services, in regard to the investigation and assessment of allegations of child abuse or neglect, be accompanied by an order of protection issued by a magistrate or family court judge. Any individual who fails to obey the order of protection will be found in contempt of court.

This bill requires that the order of protection be issued by a magistrate or family court judge. This requirement is expected to increase the number of hearings within those courts. However, we anticipate that any additional expenditures for magistrate courts will be managed within their existing resources. As such, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on magistrate courts.

Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director