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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0288    Introduced on January 12, 2021  
**Author:** Climer  
**Subject:** Child Protection and Permanency  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** April 12, 2022

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill updates the definition of “child abuse or neglect” or “harm” to specify that engagement in age appropriate independent activities, such as outdoor play and remaining at home unattended, is not considered “child abuse or neglect” or “harm”. The Department of Social Services (DSS) indicates this bill will have no fiscal impact due to this change in definition.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 12, 2021**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill specifies that engagement in age appropriate independent activities, such as outdoor play and remaining at home unattended, is not considered “child abuse or neglect” or “harm”. DSS indicates this bill will have no fiscal impact due to this update in this definition.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

##### **Local Revenue**

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director