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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3049	Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject:	Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	March 27, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act, which defines relevant terms and provides for a civil course of action against a person who intentionally discloses or threatens to disclose intimate images of a person without that person's consent.

Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may result in an increase in circuit court caseloads, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no expenditure impact for Judicial. However, if this bill results in a significant increase in caseloads, Judicial may request an increase in General Fund appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill creates the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act, which defines relevant terms and provides for a civil course of action against a person who intentionally discloses or threatens to disclose intimate images of another without his consent. The bill also provides exceptions for liability under certain circumstances. A plaintiff may file a motion to seal with the initial pleading or any other motion to protect his identity. Prevailing plaintiffs may recover (1) the greater of economic and noneconomic damages proximately caused by the disclosure or threatened disclosure (including damages for emotional distress) or statutory damages not to exceed \$10,000 against each defendant found liable; (2) an amount equal to any monetary gain made by the defendant by the disclosure of the intimate image; (3) punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs; and (4) additional relief, including injunctive relief. The bill also establishes the time frames within which such actions may be brought.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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