



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1051

PRINTER'S NO: 1221

PRIME SPONSOR: Sturla

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
County funds	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1051 amends Section 6340(a) of Title 23 relating to the confidentiality of reports of suspected child abuse. The act provides for notification to an employer of a child-care service employee, service provider, administrator or school employee who has been determined to be the perpetrator of a founded report or an indicated report (of child abuse) after final determination by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW). In addition, notification may be given to the Secretary of Education or his designee. Notification in subsections is limited to facts related to an employee's suitability in the workplace and to the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the children in the employee's workplace.

In addition, House Bill 1051 amends Section 6368 relating to the investigation of reports. Under the legislation, a county agency shall provide written notification to an employer (if known) when it determines that a complaint of suspected abuse is a founded report or an indicated report (of child abuse), involving an employee who is a child-care service employee, service provider, administrator or school employee. Likewise, a county agency shall notify the Secretary of Education if a perpetrator is a charter or cyber charter school staff member or is certified as a teacher, educational specialist or administrator (as defined by the Professional Educator Discipline Act).

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

The Department of Public Welfare does not anticipate any additional costs to the Commonwealth regarding the enactment of House Bill 1051. A county agency may incur some minimal costs relating to the written notification requirements of the bill.

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