

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1540
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Impact:	~\$280,833 decrease in fines collected by the Local Court Fund

Research Analysis

HB 1540 modifies the penalties relating to child abuse by removing the ability to sentence to imprisonment in the county jail. The measure modifies the definition of enabling child abuse to include the willful or malicious harm or threatened harm or failure to protect from harm or threatened harm of a child under 18 years of age and the act of willfully or maliciously injuring, torturing, or maiming a child under 18 years of age.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure removes a \$500 fine paid to the local court fund for some crimes relating to child abuse. Based on consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the average number of cases over the past three years has been 562 cases per year, therefore HB1540 would decrease fines collected by the local court fund by approximately \$280,833 per year.

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Other Considerations

None.