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LB 345

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill removes habitual truancy from school as a status offense under the Juvenile Code.

There were 948 status offenders in FY 2008, but the number of children who were in the juvenile justice system solely due to habitually truant is unknown. Of the 948 status offenders, 474 entered care. Since habitual truancy alone is a low-severity offense, this offense alone is unlikely to result in the child entering out-of-home care, but has been reported to be used at times. Out-of-home savings would be \$1,096 per child per month. Tracker services would be the most likely service provided. The cost is \$156 a month per youth.

Since the estimated number of children in this category is unknown, the savings cannot be determined.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: No basis to disagree with DHHS cost analysis. Cost savings identified for the bill (345) are identified as possible use for implementing provisions of LB 346, however that presumes LB 345 passes, so consideration of costs should be reviewed independently.			