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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING FAITH HEALING IN THE CRIME OF CHILD ABUSE.

Summary of Assessment

The bill repeals the faith healing exception to the crime of child abuse. The bill includes an effective date of July 1, 2002, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The exception is currently applied to a parent, legal guardian or custodian who chooses and legitimately practices treatment by spiritual means through prayer. The Judicial Department indicates that removal of this exception will not significantly increase filings resulting in new child abuse cases.

Departments Contacted

Human Services Judicial