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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Soules **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/25/2018  
**LAST UPDATED** 2/08/2018 **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Study Gun-Related Injuries and Deaths **SM** 2/aSPAC

**ANALYST** Edwards

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications	Indeterminate	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

#### Responses Not Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
 Public Education Department (PED)  
 Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Memorial 2 strikes the Children, Youth and Families Department from the memorial.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 2 requests the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to collect data on gun-related homicides, injuries, and deaths among children. Furthermore, the memorial asks the three departments to present their findings in a report to the appropriate interim committee, presumably the Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee. The interim committee will use the data to make recommendations to stymie gun-related violence directed towards school-age children and young adults and to publish a report.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No appropriation is contained in the memorial. Any impact to DPS, DOH, and CYFD will have to be absorbed within existing resources. The agencies may have to use existing internal resources to complete the study, which would require reprioritizing projects. Neither DPS, DOH, nor CYFD provided any estimate of cost.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CYFD explains “the memorial specifically asks that CYFD collect statewide data on ‘gun-related injuries and deaths of children in [CYFD] custody.’ There are two types of children in CYFD custody:

- Children who have been committed to a secure juvenile justice facilities which have strict security measures to ensure weapons do not enter the facilities; and
- Children in foster care.

There have been no deaths of children in foster care or secure juvenile justice facilities due to firearms. There are no known gun-related injuries that have occurred to children while housed in secure juvenile justice facilities. CYFD has no capacity for tracking gun-related injuries to children in foster care at this time.”

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