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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/2007

SPONSOR Barela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 852

SHORT TITLE Unattended Children in Vehicle Penalties SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
	\$0.1*	\$0.1*	Recurring	General Fund and Local Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases) * Minimal Impact

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 852 provides for penalties for leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle. A person shall not leave a child in a motor vehicle that is eight years of age or younger without the child being supervised by a person fourteen years of age or older if:

- it presents a risk to the child's health or safety,
- or the engine of the motor vehicle is running or the keys or other starting mechanism for the motor vehicle is left within the reach of the child.

The penalties are \$200 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The general fund and local funds will see some additional revenue from the new penalty assessments.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS reports that the penalty assessment seems appropriate particularly since it does not preclude the charging of a higher crime if necessary.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The reduction of child related injuries and accidents upon being left unattended in a motor vehicle should occur due to this new inclusion in the motor vehicle code

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