



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 72

Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security

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House Bill 72 as reported by the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland security could increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to provide services to children who smell of marijuana as reported by mandatory reporters.

This bill will also increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Public Health by a department estimated \$150,000 to: (1) develop an in-person education course about the dangers of drug and marijuana use around children to be attended by those who violate the crimes in this bill; and (2) develop education materials, in collaboration with the Alabama Department of Mental Health and the Alabama State Law Enforcement, on the dangers of exposing children to marijuana smoke and made available to the public at no cost.

Further this bill could also increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, and local jails by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.