

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 709

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Gilbert, C. Todd

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Child abuse and neglect investigations; time for determination

**5. Summary:** The substitute legislation eliminates the option for extending investigations and determinations in cases of alleged child abuse or neglect from 45 days to 60 days upon written justification of the local department, but provides an exception for cases in which the local department of social services investigates the complaint in cooperation with the local law-enforcement agency, in which case the time for investigation and determination may be extended by an additional 45 days, for a period not to exceed 90 days.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There will be one-time minimal cost to revise the necessary CPS materials and make programmatic changes to information systems.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 1/14/14