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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7614**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 569

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 4, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 3, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Safety of Children During Storms.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill requires the State Department of Health to adopt guidelines concerning the safety of children during bad weather conditions and to distribute the guidelines to the Department of Education and to relevant organizations. The bill also requires the State Department of Health and the Department of Education to adopt enforcement provisions for compliance with the guidelines.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Department of Health:* This bill requires the Department of Health to adopt guidelines concerning the safety of children during bad weather conditions. Any additional costs associated with adopting guidelines concerning the safety of children during bad weather conditions and distributing those guidelines is expected to be handled within the existing level of resources and staff of the Department of Health.

*Department of Education:* The bill requires the Department of Health to distribute the guidelines to the Department of Education (DOE), who, in turn, is required to distribute the guidelines to each: (a) school corporation; and (b) non-public school; and (c) any person that operates a place or organization that sponsors activities and events where children may be exposed to weather conditions. The provision could require the DOE to mass distribute the education materials. Depending on the type and length of the guidelines, the DOE may need to reallocate staff time.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Health; Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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