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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6370**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1324

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 10, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Child Molesting.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Steuerwald

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

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

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill urges the Legislative Council to assign the topic of child molesting to an existing study committee to study the topic, including whether to elevate the offense of child molesting from a Class C felony to a Class B felony if the child is compelled to submit to the fondling or touching by force or the threat of force.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The study topic is to be assigned to an existing study committee and should be able to be incorporated into the committee's plan of work within the committee's available resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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