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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1490 by Ogden (Relating to certain investigation requirements and other procedures in connection with an allegation of child abuse or neglect.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would remove the good cause exception and require that all interviews with a child who is alleged to be a victim of abuse be audiotaped or videotaped. This requirement would not apply if the child's parents were present during the interview or a court waives the requirement. The bill would provide a mechanism where an adversary hearing could be requested earlier than 14 days after the date a child was taken into possession by the governmental entity. The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services indicates no significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 530 Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

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