

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB78** by Riddle (Relating to the authority of a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest for the commission of family violence.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure by allowing a peace officer to arrest without a warrant persons who the peace officer has probable cause to believe have committed family violence. The bill would also specify conditions in which peace officers would remain at the scene of the investigation to verify the allegation and prevent the further commission of the violation of family violence. It is estimated that implementation of the bill would not have a significant impact on the costs of state or local government.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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