

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24993C1

This legislation adds authority and guidelines for the use of facility dogs in courtrooms to support child witnesses.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund. There is no fiscal impact on local government funds.

No fiscal impact is anticipated as there should be no expense for allowing facility dogs into courtrooms. Facility Dogs are already allowed into Courthouses. Expenses for the costs of purchasing and caring for Facility Dogs are separate items in other budgets and this bill neither adds to nor takes away from those costs.

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