

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 220** HLS 25RS 723

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Improper Storage of a Firearm		

WEAPONS/FIREARMS

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Creates the crime of improper storage of a firearm

Proposed law creates the crime of unlawful storage of a firearm, which is an incident in which a person leaves a loaded firearm within a dwelling or vehicle, when that person knows or reasonably should know that a minor child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor child's parent or the person having charge of the minor child, and when the minor child obtains possession of such firearm and then discharges the firearm or exhibits the firearm in a public place; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than six months, or a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both, for those convicted; provides circumstances in which the proposed law is not applicable; provides for applicable definitions; provides that no peace officer nor any other person shall arrest a person for a violation of the proposed law before the seventh day following the date on which the offense is alleged to have been committed if the offender is a member of the family of the child who discharged the firearm and the child has caused the death or serious injury to himself through discharge of the firearm.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					

Annual Total

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of unlawfully storing a loaded firearm. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than six months.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders will not be sentenced to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of unlawful storage of a firearm. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines (not more than \$1,000), if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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