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**SFA****BILL ANALYSIS**

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Senate Bills 1086, 1087, and 1088 (as introduced 4-28-98)  
Sponsor: Senator Bill Bullard, Jr. (S.B. 1086)  
Senator Art Miller, Jr. (S.B. 1087)  
Senator Philip E. Hoffman (S.B. 1088)  
Committee: Government Operations

Date Completed: 4-28-98

### **CONTENT**

The bills would amend the Legislative Council Act to require the Legislative Council to make available, free of charge, certain legislative information on the Internet. All the bills provide that the information maintained by the Council and placed on the Internet under the bills would have to be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information was available. The information that was not maintained by the Council would have to be made available in the shortest feasible time after it was made available to the Council. Each bill states that it would not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of the State relating to any of the information made available. The bills would do the following:

- Senate Bill 1086 would require the Council, beginning January 1, 2001, to make available to the public on the Internet the text of the Senate and House journals for the current legislative session.
- Senate Bill 1087 would require the Council, by July 1, 1999, to make available to the public on the Internet each bill analysis prepared by the Senate Fiscal Agency or the House Legislative Analysis Section during the current session.
- Senate Bill 1088 would require the Council, beginning July 1, 1999, to make available to the public on the Internet each fiscal bill analysis prepared by the Senate Fiscal Agency or the House Fiscal Agency for the current session.

Proposed MCL 4.1204f (S.B. 1086)  
Proposed MCL 4.1204c (S.B. 1087)  
Proposed MCL 4.1204d (S.B. 1088)

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Legislature currently makes available on the Internet journals and bill analyses. The cost is included with other information made available on the Internet by the Legislature. Approximately \$100,000 for hardware and \$400,000 for 5 FTE have been allocated to the project.

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