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HB5009 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Middaugh

Committee: FAMILY AND CHILDREN
SERVICES

Analyst(s): Peterson, Marilyn

Completed: 10/22/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: Indeterminate/Increase

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law to increase the misdemeanor penalties applicable to someone who fails to report suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the act. At present, such failure is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail, a fine of up to \$100, or both. Under the bill, the misdemeanor would be punishable by up to 180 days in jail, a fine of up to \$500, or both. To the extent that the bill led to increased jail time for these offenders, it could increase local correctional costs. To the extent that the bill increased collections of penal fine revenue, it would increase the amount of fine revenue going to local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of that revenue.