

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **S.B. 317** DATE: **December 3, 2008**
STATUS: **As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation** SPONSOR: **Sen. Padgett**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Minimal cost**
CONTENTS: **Limited driving privileges for minors**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2009	FY 2010	FUTURE YEARS
State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40)			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	One-time negligible programming costs	- 0 -	- 0 -

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2009 is July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

- **State revenues.** The bill will have no direct effect on state revenues.
- **State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.** It appears that the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is likely to incur a relatively inexpensive one-time programming cost in order to ensure that the granting of limited driving privileges is properly recorded and electronically available to law enforcement. From LSC fiscal staff's perspective, this one-time cost might best be termed negligible and would most likely be paid from BMV's main financing source – the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2009 – FUTURE YEARS
Courts and Clerks of Courts (divisions of courts of common pleas handling juvenile traffic offenses)	
Revenues	- 0 -
Expenditures	Potential minimal annual cost to process driver's license information

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- **Local revenues.** The bill will have no direct effect on revenues of the state's political subdivisions.
- **Courts of common pleas and affiliated clerks of courts.** LSC fiscal staff's research suggests that it should not require significant time and effort for the court of common pleas to consider granting limited driving privileges and, if granted, the affiliated clerk of court to issue the appropriate documentation and notify the BMV. Assuming this was true, and one was able to quantify that time and effort in terms of dollars and cents, that cost would generally be minimal at most annually.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

For the purposes of this fiscal analysis, the bill most notably permits a court, under certain circumstances, to grant limited driving privileges to a probationary driver's license holder who is subject to operating restrictions as a result of a first moving violation.

State and local revenue effects

The bill will have no direct effect on revenues of the state or any of its political subdivisions.

State and local expenditure effects

State expenditures. Under current law, the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) receives driver's license information from courts and maintains it in an electronic form that is intended to be readily available to law enforcement and other appropriate authorities. Presumably, subsequent to the bill's enactment, in addition to the current practice of informing BMV that the holder of a probationary driver's license has committed a moving violation and is subject to operating restrictions, a court would also inform BMV that it has granted that person certain limited driving privileges.

In discussions with LSC fiscal staff relative to the bill's state fiscal effects, BMV staff noted that it would likely incur a relatively inexpensive one-time programming cost in order to ensure that the granting of limited driving privileges is properly recorded and electronically available to law enforcement. From LSC fiscal staff's perspective, this one-time cost might best be termed negligible and would most likely be paid from BMV's main financing source – the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

Local expenditures. LSC fiscal staff's research suggests that it should not require significant time and effort for the court of common pleas to consider granting limited driving privileges and, if granted, the affiliated clerk of court to issue the appropriate documentation and notify the BMV. Assuming this was true, and one was able to quantify that time and effort in terms of dollars and cents, that cost would generally be minimal at most annually.

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