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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: S. 0250 As signed by the Governor on June 8, 2015  
 Author: Shealy  
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary  
 Date: June 21, 2015  
 Subject: Release of a child’s medical records  
 RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The amended bill has no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Explanation of Amendment (June 2, 2015) - By the Senate**

This bill as amended would require the primary care physician to release the medical records, radiologic imaging, photos, and all other health information only to the consulting care physician and the hospital facility. It further amends the bill to allow only the consulting physician and the hospital facility to release the records to law enforcement in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability Act, Section CFR 164.512(b). This amendment is not expected to impact state expenditures, and the impact of the bill as amended is unchanged from the bill as filed.

**Explanation of Bill Filed on December 10, 2014**

**State Expenditure**

This bill would amend Section 63-7-380 to provide for the release of a child’s medical records without parental consent to a child abuse health care provider. This bill further amends Section 63-7-1990 to add that the Department of Social Services is authorized to provide a summary of referrals and the outcomes of the referrals. Section 63-7-2000 would be amended to add that the department is authorized to release a summary of the allegations and the outcome of an investigation for unfounded cases regarding a child and family to a child abuse health care provider.

According to the Department of Social Services, this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, and Other Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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