

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6997
BILL NUMBER: HB 1312

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2026
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Penalties for Certain Sex Offenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ireland
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: This bill defines "aggravated child molesting". It provides that the state may seek either a death sentence or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for a person convicted of aggravated child molesting. It provides requirements for a jury or court to impose either a death sentence or a sentence of life imprisonment without parole. It also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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