

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.371**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Shealy	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	63-7-730
SUBJECT:	Child Custody		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 371 amends Section 63-7-730, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the expedited relative placements of children at the probable cause hearing, so as to encourage placement of the child with a grandparent or other relative of the first or second degree under certain circumstances. The Bill also sets forth criteria for the court to consider when deciding whether to place a child with a grandparent or other relative of the first or second degree at the probable cause hearing.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Social Services estimates this Bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on the agency's General Funds. All costs can be absorbed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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