

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 328-01  
Bill No.: SB 129  
Subject: Civil Procedure; Liability  
Type: Original  
Date: December 28, 2000

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would have an effect on judgments, which may require additional judicial time, and would limit the liability of defendants who were found jointly or severally liable. CTS would not expect a change in the number of cases filed, nor an impact on the budget of the judiciary.

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses could be affected by this proposal due to the fact that they can file civil suits and be sued.

### DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would modify the law relating to joint and several liability, the collateral sources rule, and punitive damages.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of the Attorney General

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Director

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