

**Description of Legislation**

1. Summary of Legislation

Allows that child victims of certain crimes may testify in court in certain cases by means of closed circuit television. Sets restrictions on who can be in the room as child testifies and who may communicate with those people and the child.

2. Effective Date

October 1, 1991

3. Fund or Tax Affected

General Fund

4. Principal Department/Program Affected

Judicial Department

**Cost or Revenue Impact on State**

	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
	91-92	92-93	
1. Non-Recurring Costs/Revenues	\$36,000		
2. Recurring Costs/Revenues	\$22,500	\$30,000	
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			
<p>The Judicial Department would need to purchase special equipment to allow for the testimony of a child to be taken outside the courtroom (outside the presence of the defendant) and simultaneously shown within the courtroom by means of close circuit television. In order to implement this bill, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) would need to purchase the equipment for such proceedings for each of the four judicial divisions at an estimated total cost of \$36,000, and contract, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 annually, with an outside agency to transport and set up the equipment when needed. Thus, the total cost in FY 1991-92 would be \$58,500 for the equipment and three-fourths year contractual operating expenses and for FY 1992-93 would be \$30,000 for the contractual expenses.</p>			

**Cost/Revenue Impact on County or Local Government**

	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>FY</u>
	91-92	92-93	
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2. Recurring Costs/Revenues			
3. Fiscal/Revenue Assumptions			

**Sources of Data for Fiscal Note**

Judicial Department

**Technical Considerations/Comments**

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**Fiscal Research Division**

Publication



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