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Bill Number:	H. 3556	Introduced on January 10, 2023
Author:	G.M. Smith	
Subject:	Infant Safe Havens	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs	
Impact Date:	March 27, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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