

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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LLS 20B-0003 **Drafting Number:** Date: December 7, 2020 Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely Sen. Tate **Prime Sponsors:**

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IMMUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19 Bill Topic:

Summary of No fiscal impact. This bill would have granted civil immunity to small businesses **Fiscal Impact:** acting in good faith to comply with public health guidelines from any COVID-19

related suit. It was assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation No appropriation was required. **Summary:**

Fiscal Note This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law;

Status: therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill grants civil immunity to small businesses (defined as non-profit or for-profit business with fewer than 50 employees) for any act or omission that results in exposure, loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19 if the small business attempts in good faith to comply with all applicable state and local guidelines. The bill repeals two years after the Governor terminates the state of disaster emergency declared on March 11, 2020.

Assumptions and Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Immunity for civil liability is not construed to include immunity from workers' compensation claims. Further, while state trial courts review civil cases, it is assumed that the bill will create only a minimal potential reduction in potential cases. As a result, the fiscal note assumes the bill will have no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Finance Committee on November 30, 2020.

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