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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Payne	DATE TYPED:	02/03/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Uniform Clarification of Defamation Act			SB	328
				ANALYST:	O'Connell

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

Attorney General

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 328 enacts the Uniform Correction or Clarification of Defamation Act. The Act requires a party to make a request for a correction or a clarification of an allegedly defamatory statement before being allowed to sue for defamation. If corrections or clarifications are made pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Act, then the requestor is limited to recovering only economic losses as a result of the statement.

### Significant Issues

Senate Bill 328 adds a new step to the process of suing for defamation and could potentially limit the amount of money a requestor could recover in certain defamation cases.

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