# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL:	SB 1088			
SPONSOR:	Senator Villalobos			
SUBJECT:	JECT: Uniform Traffic Citations			
DATE:	April 19, 2001	REVISED:	04/23/01	
A	NALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.  McAuliff    2.	e	Meyer	TR      AGG      AP	Fav/1 amendment

### I. Summary:

The bill requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to revise the uniform traffic citation to include a box to be checked by a law enforcement officer when the officer believes a traffic violation or traffic accident was caused by aggressive driving. The bill further requires the DHSMV to submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House by February 1, 2002, which sets forth the number of incidents of aggressive driving in Florida during the preceding 6-month period.

# II. Present Situation:

Currently, there is not a specific statute within the state=s traffic laws addressing aggressive driving. In instances where a motorist commits more than one moving violation, law enforcement officers generally issue a citation for the most serious traffic offense or the offense for which the best evidence exists. Some law enforcement agencies= policies prohibit the issuance of more than one traffic citation for hazardous or careless moving violations. In these cases, officers are required to issue citations for the most serious traffic offense committed.

# III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill requires the DHSMV to revise the uniform traffic citation to include a box to be checked by a law enforcement officer when the officer believes a traffic violation or traffic accident was caused by aggressive driving. The bill provides the term "aggressive driving" means:

- Exceeding the posted speed by more than 15 miles per hour,
- Unsafely or improperly changing lanes,

- Following another vehicle too closely,
- Failing to yield the right-of-way,
- Improperly passing, and
- Violating traffic-control and signal devices.

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# IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

# V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

# C. Government Sector Impact:

The requirement to revise the uniform traffic citation, would result in form and distribution costs that would be absorbed by the DHSMV within existing resources. According to DHSMV, this bill would require approximately 1300 hours of contracted programming modifications at \$135 per hour (\$175,500) to modify the Driver License Software System.

# VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

# VII. Related Issues:

None.

### VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Transportation:

The strike everything amendment defines aggressive careless driving as committing two or more of the following acts simultaneously or in succession: exceeding the speed limit in excess of 15 mph; unsafe or improper lane change; following another vehicle too closely; improper passing; and violating a traffic control device. The amendment requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revise the uniform traffic citation to include a box to be checked by a law enforcement officer when the officer believes a traffic violation or traffic accident was caused by aggressive driving. The bill further requires the DHSMV to submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House by February 1, 2002, which sets forth the number of incidents of aggressive driving in Florida during the preceding 6-month period. (WITH TITLE AMENDMENT)

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.