

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 5132**

**AS OF JANUARY 25, 1993**

**Brief Description:** Increasing parents' liability for the acts of children.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Talmadge, A. Smith, Wojahn and Oke

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Staff:** Lidia Mori (786-7755)

**Hearing Dates:** January 27, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

The parents of a child who willfully or maliciously destroys property or willfully and maliciously inflicts personal injury on another person are liable for damages up to \$5,000 to the owner of the property or to the person injured.

There is concern that the maximum of \$5,000 is inadequate and does not sufficiently provide redress in situations where damage far exceeds the \$5,000 maximum.

**SUMMARY:**

Parents of a child who willfully or maliciously destroys property or willfully and maliciously inflicts personal injury on another are liable for damages up to \$10,000 to the owner of the property or to the person injured.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested