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Bill Number: SB579 **Patron:** Reeves
Bill Title: Illegal gambling; online sweepstakes games; civil penalty.

Bill Summary: Includes the (i) operating, conducting, or promoting of any online sweepstakes games and (ii) supporting or assisting in the operating, conducting, or promoting of any online sweepstakes game in the definition of ''illegal gambling.'' The bill defines an ''online sweepstakes game'' as any game, contest, or promotion in which a prize is awarded based on chance that (a) is available on the internet and accessible on a mobile phone, computer, or similar device; (b) utilizes a dual currency system of payment allowing the player to exchange the currency for any prize, award, cash, or cash equivalent; and (c) simulates casino-style gaming, including slot machines, video poker, table games, lottery games, and sports betting. Persons who operate, conduct, or promote online sweepstakes games or take any action to support or assist in the operation, conduct, or promotion of online sweepstakes games shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 per violation. The bill contains technical amendments.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See Fiscal Analysis

Fiscal Summary: See Fiscal Analysis.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this bill define online sweepstakes games and create a penalty for operating, conducting, or promoting online sweepstakes games. It is unknown at this time if there will be an impact to the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law for enforcement of this bill.

The revenue impact to the Literary Fund for penalties assessed from enforcing the provisions of this bill are unknown at this time.

Other: None.