

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-3797/1	Introduction Number AB-0769	
Description Placement of a child for adoption with a nonrelative prior to termination of parental rights, payment for preadoption preparation when a child is placed for adoption by a child welfare agency, and the applicability of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children		
Fiscal Effect		
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 769 permits a child to be placed in a prospective adoptive home prior to finalization of the termination of parental rights (TPR) and eliminates a requirement that the Department pay for preadoption preparation when children are placed by a child welfare agency. The Department expects neither change to have a fiscal impact.

As a part of permitting a child to be placed prior to the finalization of a TPR, the bill requires the Department, when making the placement, to enter into a written agreement with the prospective adoptive parent(s) specifying who is financially responsible for the cost of care prior to the finalization of the TPR. Currently, the Department bears this responsibility when children remain in the foster care system; it does not anticipate a change if children are placed in the prospective adoptive home rather than a foster care setting. As a result, this provision should have no fiscal impact on the Department.

A bill was enacted in the 2005 legislative session establishing preadoption preparation requirements. The act amended the statutes to place financial responsibility for covering associated costs with the Department, regardless of whether the placement was by a public or private agency. AB 769 revises the statutes to eliminate the Department's responsibility for cases placed by a private child welfare agency. Since the enactment of the preadoption preparation requirements, no incident of payment for a private placement has occurred. As a result, this revision will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications