

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 13-2915/1	Introduction Number AB-0570	Estimate Type Original
Description Extended out-of-home care to 21 years of age for children with individualized education programs, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, and granting rule-making authority		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, children and juveniles in need of protection and services may receive foster care services until age 18. This bill would permit a child in the foster care system who has an individualized education program to continue to receive foster care services until the child attained age 21 or earned a high school diploma or equivalent.

Children who are in foster care are eligible for medical assistance benefits. In addition, young adults who were in foster care at the time of their 18th birthday are eligible for medical assistance benefits until they reach age 21. Beginning in CY 2014, children who are in foster care on their 18th birthday will have their medical assistance eligibility extended to age 26, as required by the federal Affordable Care Act.

Children who will become eligible for foster care services under this bill would have been eligible for medical assistance benefits under current law. Therefore, this bill does not have a fiscal effect to the Department of Health Services.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications