

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 15-4004/1	Introduction Number AB-1012	Estimate Type Original
Description Right of a parent to have counsel in a proceeding for a child alleged to be in need of protection or services; the power of the juvenile court to appoint counsel in such a proceeding; granting rule-making authority; and making appropriations		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires a court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Children's Code to appoint counsel for any party to a child in need of protection or services (CHIPS) proceeding. The bill also requires a parent of a child who is the subject of a CHIPS proceeding to be represented by counsel in the proceeding, if the child has been taken into custody or ordered to be placed outside of his or her home.

The bill will have no fiscal effect on the Department of Children and Families or on county child welfare agencies.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications