

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 10/13/2015

LRB Number	15-3125/1	Introduction Number	AB-0351	Estimate Type	Original
Description residence of noncustodial parent ordered to Register for a work experience and job training program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the court may order a parent to register for the Children First program if certain conditions are met. If the parent is not a resident of the county where the court action is taking place, the court cannot order the individual to participate in Children First unless the individual resides in a county that has a Children First program and that agrees to enroll the parent in the program.

Under the bill, a court may order an individual to participate in Children First if that person: (1) lives in a county that has a Children First program and that agrees to enroll the individual in the program; or (2) resides within reasonable driving distance, as determined by the court, from a county that has a Children First program and that agrees to enroll the individual in the program.

The Children First program is supported with an allocation from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) funding. The allocation is distributed to a select number of counties participating in the Children First program. The bill does not provide additional funding or modify the TANF statutory allocation for the Children First program. Therefore, the bill will not affect the funding available from DCF for the Children First program.

At the local level, counties that operate Children First programs will continue to have the discretion to enroll individuals. To the extent that counties would agree to enroll additional individuals under the bill than what they had anticipated enrolling, their costs would increase.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications