

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB #-2183/1

INTRODUCTION # AB 617

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Collecting Social Security Numbers for License Holders

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect SEE TEXT

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

Current law requires the Department to collect social security numbers (SSNs) on divorce forms and forms acknowledging paternity. The Department must also collect SSNs or federal employer identification numbers (FEINs) from certain child care, health care, and public health providers as a condition of their receiving a license or certification. For these types of providers, the Department must deny or revoke licenses or certifications to individuals or organizations whom the Department of Workforce Development certifies are delinquent in child support payments or whom the Department of Revenue certifies are delinquent in tax payments. The collection of SSNs and FEINs enables DWD and DOR to identify providers in their records. The agencies conduct computer matches of provider SSNs and FEINs with the SSNs and FEINs of delinquent tax and child support payors.

This bill would eliminate the requirement that the Department collect and forward to DOR and DWD SSNs from individuals who apply for licenses or certifications for child day care, children's group homes, child welfare facilities, hospitals, home health agencies, nurse aide training programs, Medical Assistance providers, emergency medical technicians, and other health care and public health providers. DHFS would still be required to collect FEINs from applicants who are not individuals. The bill also retains the requirement that DHFS enter into memoranda of understanding with DWD and DOR to identify and deny license or certifications to delinquent providers. The Department also would no longer collect SSNs on paternity and divorce forms.

The Department would have to modify application forms in order to cease collecting SSNs from individuals and to only collect FEINs from applicants other than individuals. It is estimated that the Department can make these modifications with existing resources. If the Department continues to assist DOR and DWD in identifying individuals who are delinquent payors using information other than SSNs, the bill may increase the cost of conducting those matches. Costs will likely not increase if DWD and DOR are able to identify delinquents using information that the Department currently collects from providers, such as name and address. The Department may incur additional costs to modify forms and databases if it becomes necessary to collect additional information to identify delinquent providers.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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