

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 99-2177/5

INTRODUCTION # AB 647

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Child and Juvenile Placement

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

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:

This bill makes one clarification and two modifications to current child welfare law. In terms of clarification, the bill defines "abandonment," "torture" and "chronic abuse" for the purposes of determining whether a parent has subjected a child to aggravated circumstances. Such a determination controls whether a court order placing a child outside of the home must include a finding that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent the removal. The two modifications are as follows. (1) The bill permits an agency, at the same time as it is making reasonable efforts to prevent the removal of a child from home, to work with *any* county department or child welfare agency to find an alternative permanent placement for the child. Current law only permits agencies to work with the county department or child welfare agency that is authorized to place children for adoption in making these "concurrent reasonable efforts." (2) The bill eliminates current statutory requirements that substitute care providers receive an opportunity to be heard at certain hearings.

None of the bill's provisions will have a fiscal effect on either the Department or counties.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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