

- ORIGINAL  UPDATED
- CORRECTED  SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 99-2801/2

INTRODUCTION # AB 778

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Appeals of Substantiated Child Abuse or Neglect Findings; Disclosure and Access to Child Welfare Information

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, which would bring the state into compliance with the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), makes three changes in regards to child welfare law. First, it directs the Department to establish procedures for conducting an appeal of a determination that an individual has abused or neglected a child and requires that the individual be given notice of his or her right to appeal. Second, it requires an agency to disclose to any member of the general public, on request, a written summary of certain information relating to any child who has died or been placed in serious or critical condition as a result of suspected abuse or neglect, provided certain circumstances apply and certain other circumstances do not apply. Third, it permits a citizen review panel established or designated by DHFS or a county department to have access to the otherwise confidential child abuse and neglect reports and records.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department or local government health and social service agencies.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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