Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

☒ Original ☐ Updated ☐ Corrected ☐ Supplemental

LRB Number 07-3948/1	Introduction Number SB-464

Description
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Fiscal Effect

State:
☒ No State Fiscal Effect
☐ Indeterminate

☐ Increase Existing Appropriations
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriations
☐ Create New Appropriations

☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Revenues

☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
☐ Yes   ☐ No
☐ Decrease Costs

Local:
☐ No Local Government Costs
☐ Indeterminate

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

3. ☐ Increase Revenue
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenue
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
☐ Towns   ☐ Village   ☐ Cities
☐ Counties   ☐ Others
☐ School Districts   ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 464 permits a child to be placed in a prospective adoptive home prior to finalization of the termination of parental rights (TPR) and eliminates a requirement that the Department pay for preadoption preparation when children are placed by a child welfare agency. The Department expects neither change to have a fiscal impact.

As a part of permitting a child to be placed prior to the finalization of a TPR, the bill requires the Department, when making the placement, to enter into a written agreement with the prospective adoptive parent(s) specifying who is financially responsible for the cost of care prior to the finalization of the TPR. Currently, the Department bears this responsibility when children remain in the foster care system; it does not anticipate a change if children are placed in the prospective adoptive home rather than a foster care setting. As a result, this provision should have no fiscal impact on the Department.

A bill was enacted in the 2005 legislative session establishing preadoption preparation requirements. The act amended the statutes to place financial responsibility for covering associated costs with the Department, regardless of whether the placement was by a public or private agency. SB 464 revises the statutes to eliminate the Department's responsibility for cases placed by a private child welfare agency. Since the enactment of the preadoption preparation requirements, no incident of payment for a private placement has occurred. As a result, this revision will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications