

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-4414/1	Introduction Number AB-0824
Description Creating expectations for foster children and foster parents and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
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Local:	
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to create, through administrative rule, a list of expectations for foster parents and foster children. The expectations are to be provided in written form and must be communicated orally in a language understandable to the foster parents and children.

This bill will not alter a foster child's experience in the child welfare system as most of the protections are already specified in state law. Similarly, Administrative Code 56.09 outlines "Principles for Nurturing Care" by which every foster parent must abide. These principles describe in specific detail the protections in place for all children living in the child welfare system. While there is no current requirement to orally read expectations to foster parents or children, in the process of becoming licensed prospective foster parents have similar expectations communicated to them and the prospective foster parents must sign that they understand each of the requirements set forth in Administrative Code 56.09. It is assumed that the Department could orally read these expectations to foster parents and children within current staffing levels.

Some of the expectations to be considered in the bill may be subject to interpretation, which may result in additional staff time to deal with additional complaints regarding unmet expectations. The fiscal effect of responding to these complaints cannot be determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications