



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DCF 3/29/2010**

LRB Number	<b>09-4415/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-0825</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Creating a family policy board and requiring counties to provide prevention resources					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill renames the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board the Family Policy Board and expands its members and duties. This expansion of duties of the board may require additional staff time from the Department of Children and Families in providing services to the board, but it is assumed that this could be absorbed within current staffing levels.

This bill also expands the community services powers of the the Department of Children and Families to maintain prevention programs it considers proper and to assist counties in developing prevention programs, policies and resources. The Department currently engages in some prevention efforts, but does not currently have a position devoted to assist counties with developing prevention programs or to administer prevention programs beyond the scope of child abuse and neglect. If the Department were to assist counties or administer prevention programs beyond the scope of child abuse and neglect, the Department would need an additional staff person to address these issues. The cost of this staff person is estimated to be about \$103,500 annually.

The bill requires county departments of social services to provide, within the limits of available funding, programs and resources designed to prevent delinquency, child abuse and neglect, mental illness, alcoholism or other drug dependency, developmental disability, mental infirmity and other forms of mental or social maladjustment, and the promotion of mental health, positive youth development and effective parenting and requires these departments to include these items in their local human services plan. Expanding the scope of the plan may require additional staff time in county child welfare agencies; however, the fiscal effect on counties cannot be determined.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**