

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 09-2271/1	Introduction Number SB-122	Estimate Type Original
Description Notice of intent to remove a child from the home of a relative and review of decisions or orders involving the placement and care of a child placed in the home of a relative		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill extends to a relative, other than a parent, in whose home a child is placed the same procedural rights relating to notice of intent to remove a child from the home and to a review of decisions or orders involving the placement and care of the child that are currently granted to a foster parent under law.

It is estimated this bill will result in additional court hearings in some cases. Under current law, the number of foster parents requesting hearings in these circumstances is relatively low. For purposes of this estimate, we assume the relatives granted new procedural rights under this bill would request hearings at a rate comparable to that of foster parents.

Additional court proceedings require judge, court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the increased costs is impossible with existing data, but it is expected that existing court staff would absorb it.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications