

Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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LRB Number 09-4410/1	Introduction Number SB-567	
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Fiscal Effect State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the amount of surplus revenue that a child welfare agency, residential care center or group home may retain is limited. This bill would remove the current restriction that limits the surplus that an agency may retain through a rate-based service in a contract period to five percent of the contract amount and allow DCF to grant an exception to the requirements that apply to a provider if the amount of surplus funds accumulated from all contract periods for a rate-based service exceeds ten percent of the amount of all current contracts for that service. Because of rate regulation, adjustments to provider reserves would not affect provider rates in the short term. However, reserve adjustments could reduce refunds to county child welfare agencies or increase reserve driven rate adjustments. The fiscal impact of this provision is unknown.

Also under current law, the Department of Children and Families has the authority to review and negotiate the service and administrative rates based on prescribed factors, and requires residential care centers and group homes to annually submit to DCF the rates it proposes to charge for services and administrative costs. The bill adds the changes to the consumer price index and whether the provider is accredited as additional factors to consider in reviewing a proposed rate. The bill also allows a provider to appeal a rate set by DCF after mediation as a contested case under Ch. 227.

This bill also provides a process for establishing a performance-based contracting system for providers over a three-year period beginning on January 1, 2011. The process includes an advisory committee to identify measures by which to evaluate performance and develop payment levels that correspond to the achievement of these measurements. This bill requires that DCF begin performance based contracting in calendar year 2013.

Performance based contracting requires collecting and analyzing performance data from residential care providers. Some performance data may be generated from out-of-home placement data in eWiSACWIS for children. Other performance data may be generated from information collected by providers. The Department will need 1.0 FTE program and planning analyst position to develop eWiSACWIS data and coordinate information collection activities with providers. The cost of this position is estimated at \$96,100 annually.

Performance base contracting also requires additional contact with residential care providers to verify information submitted to the Department and to monitor provider compliance with requirements for performance based reimbursements. The Department will need 2.0 FTE child welfare licensing specialist positions in the Division of Safety and Permanence child welfare licensing section to verify information and monitor providers. The cost of these positions is estimated at \$182,800 annually.

Modifications will be needed to the eWiSACWIS system to support data collection activities, including developing the capacity for providers to submit information in an automated manner that can be matched with existing child records in the system. These improvements are estimated at a one-time cost of \$250,000.

The use of performance based reimbursements could lead to increased out-of-home care costs for children placed with providers that receive higher reimbursement amounts based on higher levels of performance. Increased payment costs for some providers could be offset by shorter lengths of stay in placement, placement in less intensive levels of care, and reduced rates of re-entry to out-of-home care. The net fiscal impact on out-of-home care costs will depend on how the performance-based contracting is implemented, including whether reimbursement is reduced for providers with poor performance.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): \$250,000 in one-time information technology programming changes.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$278,900		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$278,900		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR	220,300		
FED	58,600		
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$	\$	
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$	
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
	State	Local	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$278,900	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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