

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description A requirement that termination of parental rights petitions be filed with respect to children under eight years of age, and certain children eight years of age or over, who have been placed outside the home for six months.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill modifies current law which requires the filing of a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) petition with respect to a child who has been placed in an out-of-home placement for 15 of the most recent 22 months, not including any period which the child was a runaway from that placement or the first six months of a trial home visit. Current law does not specify requirements related to TPR based on the age of the child when placed outside of the home.

This bill requires the filing of a TPR petition for a child who has been placed outside of his or her home in any out-of-home placement for a cumulative total period of six months, not including any period during which the child was a runaway from that placement or any period of a trial home visit, if any of the following apply:

- the child is under eight years of age when he or she was placed outside of his or her home;
- the child was eight years of age or over when he or she was placed outside of his or her home and the goal of the child's permanency plan is placement for adoption with an adoptive parent or a proposed adoptive parent of a sibling who was under eight years old when the sibling was placed outside of his or her home; or
- the child was eight year of age or over when he or she was placed outside of his or her home, and the child's permanency plan indicates that a safe and appropriate placement with a proposed adoptive parent is available for the child and the child has expressed the wish to be adopted.

This bill should have minimal impact on the Department of Corrections and perhaps a larger impact on local partner agencies that may have to review permanency plans and change processes and procedures for filing a TPR. There may occasionally be a situation when contact and communication would be requested between local partner agencies and the Division of Juvenile Corrections in regard to youth in an out-of-home placement. However, it is not possible to determine the likelihood of this situation occurring.

It is not possible to determine how many juveniles would be impacted by this bill, therefore an exact fiscal estimate can not be calculated.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications