

### Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>15-2106/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-253</b>	
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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>  <b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b> <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 checked="" 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		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <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

Current law authorizes a guardian of a child in need of protection or services to be a person who has a significant emotional relationship with the child and who, prior to the child's placement in out-of-home care, had an existing relationship with the child that is similar to a familial relationship. The bill modifies current law to extend eligibility to a person who has a significant emotional relationship with the child's family that is similar to a familial relationship. The bill also extends eligibility to a person who, during the child's placement in out-of-home care, developed a relationship with the child or the child's family that is similar to a familial relationship.

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) estimates that the cost of subsidized guardianship payments to this additional eligibility group would be minimal. Since the children are already in out-of-home care, foster care payments are made on behalf of these children. Under the bill, these children would be eligible for subsidized guardianship payments, rather than foster care payments, which would be a similar monthly payment. Any additional costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budget.

Similarly, in counties, subsidized guardianship payments would replace foster care payments. Any increase in cost would be minimal.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications