

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-2702/1	Introduction Number	AB-0481	Estimate Type	Original
Description creating family treatment court and juvenile treatment court grant programs in the Department of Children and Families					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a family treatment court grant program under the Children's Code and a juvenile treatment court program under the Juvenile Justice Code, which, in many respects, is similar to the family treatment court grant program. Both grant programs would be administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and operated within the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction of the Children's Code or the Juvenile Justice Code.

Under both programs, DCF would make grants available to counties or Indian tribes to enable them to create alternatives for children who come under the court's jurisdiction for either parental problems related to mental illness or substance abuse or the juvenile's problems related to mental illness or substance abuse.

This bill would require that DCF collaborate with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the director of state courts to establish the family treatment court grant program. Additionally, this bill would require that DCF collaborate with the Department of Corrections (DOC), DHS, and the director of state courts to establish the juvenile treatment court grant program.

The DOC estimates that any collaboration work with DCF could be done with existing staff resources, however, the amount of time required is indeterminate.

The DOC cannot estimate the cost for counties or Indian tribes to implement these treatments courts since the program requirements have not yet been determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications