

### Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

LRB Number **17-4645/1**      Introduction Number **AB-0784**

**Description**  
 : a parent's right to counsel in a child in need of protection or services proceeding, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes
  - No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs
  - 2.  Decrease Costs
  - 3.  Increase Revenue
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue
- Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
  - Permissive  Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns
  - Counties
  - School Districts
  - Village
  - Others
  - WTCS Districts
  - Cities

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR  
  FED  
  PRO  
  PRS  
  SEG  
  SEGS

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

CTS 2/2/2018

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a five-county pilot program that requires the appointment of counsel to parents in a child in need of protection or services (CHIPS) case. Under current law and practice, the juvenile court may appoint counsel to any party to the CHIPS proceeding. The percentage of cases in which the juvenile court currently appoints counsel for a parent in a CHIPS proceeding varies from one county to another. If the court appoints counsel for a parent in a CHIPS proceeding, the cost of that representation is usually borne by the county, which has the authority to recoup the costs from the party.

Under this bill, the pilot program would be administered by the State Public Defender and would provide counsel for parents in all CHIPS cases in the pilot counties.

This bill will have no direct fiscal impact on the state court system. If this legislation results in fewer appointments of counsel to be paid for by the counties involved in the pilot program, it is likely that there could be savings to those counties. An accurate estimate of the potential savings is impossible with the data available.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications