

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-3121/1	Introduction Number AB-0560
Description termination of parental rights if a child has been placed outside the home for 15 of the last 22 months	
Fiscal Effect State: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input 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 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	
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the termination of parental rights (TPR) ground based on a child's continuing need of protection or services. Current law provides various grounds for an involuntary TPR, including continuing need of protection or services, which must be established by proving 1) that the child has been adjudged to be a child or juvenile in need of protection or services (CHIPS) and placed, or continued in a placement, outside the child's home pursuant to one or more orders of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Children's Code (juvenile court); 2) that the agency responsible for the care of the child has made a reasonable effort to provide the services ordered by the juvenile court; and 3) that the child has been outside the home for a cumulative total period of six months or longer, the parent has failed to meet the conditions established for the safe return of the child to the home, and there is a substantial likelihood that the parent will not meet those conditions by the time the child has been placed outside the home for 15 of the last 22 months.

Under current law, if a child is placed outside of his or her home on a CHIPS order for 15 of the last 22 months, an agency or the district attorney, corporation counsel, or other appropriate official must file a TPR petition against the parent or parents. Under current law, if such a petition is filed, the petitioner must establish that grounds exist for an involuntary TPR. Under this bill, the involuntary TPR ground of continuing need of protection or services may be established by proving that a child has been placed outside of his or her home on a continuing CHIPS order for 15 of the last 22 months.

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Responsive District Attorneys did not anticipate a near-range fiscal or resource effect on their offices resulting from this legislation. District Attorneys do not have the available means to forecast the effect on any other local units of government resulting from this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Responsive District Attorneys did not anticipate a long-range fiscal or resource effect on their offices resulting from this legislation.