

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number **19-4226/2**
 Introduction Number **AB-0564**

Description
 eligibility for adoption assistance

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 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected
 Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 564 changes Adoption Assistance eligibility criteria from age 10 or older to age 7 or older. The bill also reduces the sibling group eligibility from 3 or more to 2 or more.

Based on available data for recent years of completed public adoptions, we assume the changes to adoption assistance eligibility would result in 51 additional children receiving Adoption Assistance each year. Data on average final foster care payments was used to estimate the likely monthly cost of the adoption assistance. The average final foster care rate for this group is \$599 per month.

The estimated annual all funds cost in year 1 is \$366,800 (\$180,200 GPR and \$186,600 FED). We assume that each year a new cohort costing approximately \$366,800 would be added and that the cost would continue to build until the first cohort ages out of adoption assistance benefits.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

As the first cohort could receive payments for up to 18 years, the costs will continue to increase by \$366,800 every year for 18 years. For example, in year 2 we assume costs of \$733,600 with two cohorts of newly eligible children receiving payments. In year 3 we assume costs of \$1,100,400 with three cohorts of newly eligible children receiving payments. At year 18, the cumulative effect will be approximately \$6.6 million annually.