

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-5341/1	Introduction Number AB-0778
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Description
 prohibiting the out-of-home placement of a child with a person with a record of a crime against a child

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

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"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" 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

DCF 2/5/2020

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits the out-of-home placement of a child with a nonparent relative or other unlicensed person if that relative or person has been convicted, pled no contest, or had a charge that constitutes child abuse against him or her dropped as a result of a plea agreement. This bill also prohibits subsidized guardianships and licensing of child welfare agencies, foster homes, group homes, and shelter care facilities under the Children's Code if the license applicant, an employee, or a nonclient resident has pled no contest to a charge that constitutes child abuse or had a charge that constitutes child abuse against them dropped as the result of a plea agreement.

This bill would have costs for the Department of Children and Families related to significant changes to policy, procedures, training, forms, and the eWISACWIS statewide child welfare information system.

Changes to policies, procedures, and forms could be absorbed using existing staff resources.

At least five child welfare trainings would need to be updated at a total cost of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000. The bill affects trainings for caseworkers, foster care licensing, Kinship Care, and subsidized guardianship.

Child welfare licensing staff would also be impacted, but the effects are indeterminate at this time.

Finally, the bill would require changes to fundamental processing for a core function of the eWISACWIS child welfare information system. DCF technical staff estimate that these changes could cost up to \$5 million.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications