

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

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LRB Number 19-5309/1	Introduction Number AB-0786
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Description
 guardian training requirements and making an appropriation

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"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" 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	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS (1)(a) (1)(cg)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 1/30/2020

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill establishes mandatory initial training requirements for guardians. Under the bill, every guardian must complete training on all of the following topics: (1) the duties and required responsibilities of a guardian under the law and limits of a guardian's decision-making authority; (2) alternatives to guardianship; (3) rights retained by a ward; (4) best practices for a guardian to solicit and understand the wishes and preferences of a ward and involving the ward in decision-making; (5) restoration of a ward's rights and the process for removal of guardianship; (6) future planning and identification of a potential standby or successor guardian; and (7) resources and technical support for guardians.

The bill requires the Department of Health Services to award a grant to administer and conduct the required guardian training using \$135,750 GPR in FY 20 and \$126,325 GPR in FY 21. Under the bill, DHS must require that the grantee have expertise in state guardianship law, experience with technical assistance and support to guardians and wards, and knowledge of common challenges and questions encountered by guardians and wards. Additionally, DHS is required to coordinate with the grantee to develop the content for the initial training and implement the program no later than 18 months after the effective date.

To satisfy the requirements of this bill, DHS estimates the workload will result in a one-time cost of \$37,100 GPR to support a 1.0 LTE program and policy analyst-advanced. This position will be responsible for developing the grant program and coordinating with the grantee to develop and implement the guardian training.

In sum, the total fiscal effect of this bill is a one-time cost of \$172,850 GPR and \$126,325 GPR annually.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications