

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 1/17/2020

LRB Number	19-5294/1	Introduction Number	SB-695	Estimate Type	Original
Description searching for a biological sibling who has been adopted, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands adoption searches to allow searches for a biological sibling who has been adopted.

DCF anticipates additional adoption search requests, which would require an additional 1.0 FTE at a cost of \$112,800 GPR annually.

Additionally, broadening the adoption search function would require changes to eWiSACWIS, the statewide automated child welfare information system. While the full extent of the required changes is not known at this time, a standard project including additional fields and logic changes would require a lead time of 8-10 months and a potential cost of \$300,000 to \$500,000. Depending on other eWiSACWIS planned updates, DCF may be able to absorb this work within current resources.

DCF should be able to absorb additional staff training costs and policy updates within current resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications