



Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-1260/1	Introduction Number	AB-0627	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Terminating parental rights based on the parent's incarceration					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill creates a ground for termination of a parental rights (TPR) based on a parent's incarceration for certain children adjudged to be in need of protection or services.

The state court system will be responsible for creating and/or updating TPR training and reference materials, as well as circuit court forms, jury instructions, and the juvenile benchbook. Any cost associated with these updates are likely to be absorbed as a part of normal updates that occur are planned and occur as a result of changes to law and policy. There is no state fiscal effect.

While it is possible that the creation of a new ground could result in additional TPR filings and litigation, it is likely that the ground of incarceration may be used in lieu of or in addition to already existing TPR grounds, such as continuing need for CHIPS, abandonment, or failure to assume parental responsibility. The local fiscal effect is indeterminate.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**