

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-1267/1	Introduction Number AB-0630
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Description
 Termination of parental rights by motion in CHIPS proceeding

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

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This legislation allows for a motion for termination of parental rights (TPR) in a child in need of protection and services (CHIPS) proceeding. This motion may be filed by a county department of human or social services, the child's parent, and other specified entities or individuals. This bill eliminates the need for a separate petition to be filed to initiate TPR proceedings. The bill also reinforces a parent's statutory right to legal representation in the CHIPS proceedings at the time the TPR motion is filed.

If enacted, this legislation significantly changes the current practices for initiating TPR proceedings. The Department anticipates one-time costs of approximately \$15,000 to create and update trainings within the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System to provide to local child welfare agencies. The Department can absorb the cost of providing such training within current budget. Local child welfare agencies would incur costs for case worker and supervisor time to take the training, and the extent of those training costs is indeterminate.

This legislation allows for the consolidation of CHIPS and TPR proceedings. To the extent that this consolidation affects the amount of time a child stays in out-of-home care, there may be corresponding costs or savings for local child welfare agencies and the Department's Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS). The Department is unable to estimate the effect of this legislation on the overall timing of TPR proceedings, thus the state and local fiscal effect related to out-of-home care costs is indeterminate.

The Department also anticipates one-time costs of staff time and materials to update documents and forms related to TPR proceedings to incorporate the changes under this bill; such costs are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications