

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6421-02  
Bill No.: SB 1051  
Subject: Children and Minors; Children’s Division; Family Law; Social Services  
 Department  
Type: Original  
Date: February 29, 2016

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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Foster Care Bill of Rights.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue	(Less than \$40,000)	(Less than \$40,000)	(Less than \$40,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(Less than \$40,000)</b>	<b>(Less than \$40,000)</b>	<b>(Less than \$40,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\* Income and expenses net to \$0.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

**Oversight** assumes the Department of Social Services, Children’s Division (CD) may have some costs associated with creating and printing the Foster Care Bill of Rights as “any children’s division office, residential care facility, child placing agency, or other agency involved in the care and placement of foster children shall post the foster care bill of rights in the office, facility, or agency.” In addition, the CD is to also make the foster care bill of rights readily available and easily accessible online. Oversight assumes the duties in the foster care bill of rights to be current duties of the CD and as such will not cause the division to incur additional costs.

Oversight assumes costs will be less than \$100,000 annually and that costs will be split approximately 60% Federal/40% General Revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - DSS (\$210.564)</u>			
Printing and computer updates	<u>(Less than \$40,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$40,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$40,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(Less than \$40,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Less than \$40,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Less than \$40,000)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<u>Income - DSS (\$210.564)</u>			
Increase in program reimbursements	Less than \$60,000	Less than \$60,000	Less than \$60,000
<u>Costs - DSS (\$210.564)</u>			
Printing and computer updates	<u>(Less than \$60,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$60,000)</u>	<u>(Less than \$60,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act establishes and enumerates the Foster Care Bill of Rights. The Children's Division shall provide every school-aged foster child and his or her foster parent with an age-appropriate orientation and explanation of the bill of rights, as well as make them readily available and easily accessible online. Additionally, every Children's Division office, residential care facility, child placing agency, or other agency involved in the care and placement of foster children shall post the bill of rights in the office, facility, or agency.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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