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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 151** SLS 21RS 237

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Foster Youth's Bill of Rights | | |

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Enacts the Foster Youth's Bill of Rights for youth ages fourteen through eighteen in foster care. (gov sig)

Proposed law enacts a "Foster Youth's Bill of Rights" to be implemented through the policies and practices of DCFS for certain youth in foster care. Proposed law enumerates rights for youth in foster care who are ages 14-18 involving privacy; participation in planning for care including attending court hearings and case plan meetings; a stable and supportive setting free from neglect and abuse or exploitation; having medical and mental health needs met on a regular and timely basis; meeting with the youth's caseworker, attorney, and CASA volunteer; access to materials necessary for school and to further the youth's education; extracurricular activities; the youth's cultural, religious, and ethnic traditions and belief systems; participation in the Independent Living Skills Program within the youth's region; and the expression and voicing of the youth's needs, concerns, and desires about foster care.

| EXPENDITURES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| REVENUES | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Foster Youth's Bill of Rights and requires DCFS to promote these rights through its policies and practices. The department indicates that they will inform foster youths of their rights when they enter foster care. DCFS will also educate its staff about foster youths' rights by including it as an agenda item during training sessions.

For illustrative purposes, DCFS currently spends \$1.8 M per year to provide the services within the bill of rights to foster youths age 13-18. The department does not anticipate that this bill will increase the use of these services because foster youths are already provided information about the availability of these services by their caseworkers.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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