



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**

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<b>Subject:</b> Creates the crime of adoption deception	

CRIME OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Creates the crime of adoption deception

Proposed legislation creates the crime of adoption deception.

Penalties include: 1) a fine up to \$500, imprisonment for up to 60 days, or both, if the amount received is \$300 or less; 2) a fine up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both, if the amount received exceeds \$300; and 3) the person shall be ordered to pay restitution for any reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred by the prospective adoptive parents.

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

There may be an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C) if a person is convicted of adoption deception and the amount received exceeds \$300. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, since the legislation creates a new crime and it is not known how many individuals will be convicted of the crime. However, any offender sentenced to the custody of DPS&C increases SGF expenditures of \$26.39 per day per offender in adult local housing and \$67.36 per day per offender in a state facility. Any offender convicted of this crime would cost DPS&C \$9,632 annually (\$26.39 per day per offender x 365 days) in adult local housing and \$24,586 annually (\$67.36 per day per offender x 365 days) in a state facility. The maximum time of imprisonment is five years; therefore, the maximum increase to the SGF would be \$48,160 per offender (\$9,632 annually per offender X 5 years) in adult local housing and \$122,930 per offender (\$24,586 annually per offender x 5 years) in a state facility.

There is no direct material affect on the SGF expenditures to DPS&C if a person is convicted of adoption deception and the amount received is \$300 or less. This crime is a misdemeanor and therefore these offenders would not be sentenced to DPS&C, but rather to local law enforcement. Local law enforcement agencies may realize an indeterminable increase in expenditures associated with incarceration costs. The cost increase will depend on the number of persons convicted, the minimum sentence an offender serves, and the cost per day for a local law enforcement agency to incarcerate an offender.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There may be an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines if a person is convicted of this new crime. The maximum fine is \$5,000 and the potential revenue will accrue to the local government entities.

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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