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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 37** HLS 21RS 293

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Adoptions		

ADOPTION RE NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for uniform post-placement functions associated with agency adoptions and private adoptions

Proposed law requires multiple visits by a social worker, counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, or therapist, who is required to document each visit, prior to the final agency adoption decree. The observations made during the supervisory visits shall be used in making recommendations for finalizations of agency adoptions. Proposed law requires the families and children be provided assistance, consultation, and 24 hour crisis intervention through finalization. Proposed law requires courts to report adoptions and statistical, non-identifying information to DCFS. Proposed law requires DCFS to release a yearly report of adoption statistics within the state and adoptions that place the child out-of-state. Present law provides that courts may render a final decree at first hearings for private adoptions if the child has lived in the petitioner's home for one year. Proposed law shortens the length of time a child has lived in the petitioner's home to six months for private adoptions.

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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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides that DCFS shall make multiple visits with adoptive parents and child before an adoption is finalized. Proposed law also provides for the minimum information that should be documented related to these visits. This is the department's current practice for children in their care; therefore, there is no anticipated additional cost to continue these activities.

Proposed law also requires that DCFS release certain statistics to the public related to adoptions. DCFS will provide this information on its website at no additional cost to the department.

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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