COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.:</u> 4107-02 <u>Bill No.:</u> HB 1321

Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law

Type: Original

Date: January 23, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the time for consent for adoption to be executed

from 48 hours to 72 hours after the birth of a child.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	
Total Estimated				
Net Effect on General Revenue				
Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2015 FY 2016 FY 2017				
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0			

- ☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** state current law requires a child to be at least 48 hours old before a parent can give written consent to terminate is or her parental rights, or execute consent for the adoption of that child. This proposal increases the requirement from at least 48 hours to at least 72 hours. This legislation requires a parent be given another 24 hours before he or she can make the decision to give up parental rights and consent for the child's adoption, which in some cases could alter the parent's decision to do so or not to do so.

The CD does not anticipate this legislation will create a significant fiscal or programmatic impact to the Division.

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

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal may impact small business adoption agencies if fewer babies are given up for adoption.

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services
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