

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2663H.01I
Bill No.: HB 1335
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law; Children's Division
Type: Original
Date: April 5, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal adds provisions allowing a child to reenter foster care if the child was discharged from foster care due to age while the state was under a state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Federal Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Income and costs range from \$283,000 to \$1.1 million in FY 22 and net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** state this legislation will allow youth who were aging out of care during the pandemic to continue to receive services from DSS until September 30, 2021.

To calculate the fiscal impact, DSS looked at youth turning 21 (aging out of care) from February 2020 to September 2021, and the level of care the youth were receiving. Then, the cost for that level of care was taken into account.

DSS assumed that a range of youth in other levels of care would request to remain in care. DSS estimated that 20% to 100% of youth in Foster Care, Independent Living or Transitional Living may request to remain in care.

For maintenance costs, the federal government has allowed Chafee funds to cover youth receiving extended care during the pandemic. These funds are 100% federal funds. This results in a range from \$283,444 to \$1,139,772 Federal funds.

When youth in Residential and Mental Health placements require continued care after they age out of the Children's Division they transition to the Department of Mental Health and are already covered by Medicaid so there would be no additional cost.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary. Oversight notes, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, under 42 USC 677, the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood program provides assistance to help youth currently and formerly in foster care achieve self-sufficiency by providing grants to States that submit an approvable plan. The COVID-19 Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act appropriated \$400,000,000 for federal fiscal year 2021, to carry out 42 USC 677, in addition to any amounts otherwise made available for such purpose without requiring matching state funds. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by DSS.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)**, **OA - Budget and Planning** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Income</u> – DSS/CD (§210.489) Reimbursement for One-time cost for care for youth	\$283,444 to \$1,139,772	\$0	\$0
<u>Costs</u> - DSS/CD (§210.489) Reimbursement for One-time cost for care for youth	(\$283,444 to \$1,139,772)	\$0	\$0
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

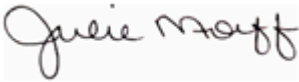
This bill allows the Division of Children Services within the Department of Social Services to permit children to voluntarily reenter foster care if due to the child's age the child left care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Division will provide children with notice of this option, facilitate the return to care, and conduct a public awareness campaign for children under 22 years of age, until September 30, 2021 or while there is a state of emergency due to the pandemic whichever is later (§210.489).

This proposal contains an emergency clause.

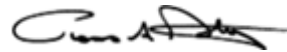
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Office of Administration – Budget and Planning
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