

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1190-01
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SB 208
Subject: Children and Minors; Social Services Department; Family Services Division;
 Education, Higher
Type: Original
Date: May 28, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal raises the age limit for when a youth may reenter the foster care system.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** state in section 211.036, current statute provides that if a child is under the age of 18 and released from the custody of the CD and it appears that it would be in the best interest of the child, the Juvenile Office, the CD or the Child may petition the court to return custody of the child to the CD. This proposal changes "under age 18" to "under the age of 21".

It is unknown how many children from age 18 up to age 21 would reenter foster care based solely on what is in the best interest of the child and as a result of a petition filed by the Juvenile Officer, the Children's Division or the child. In Fiscal Year 2012, the cost for foster care per child was \$19,380. If five children came into care in a year, the cost would be \$96,900.

The CD does not anticipate a large number of children re-entering foster care between the ages of 18 up to 21 as a result of this legislation; therefore, the fiscal impact is unknown, but less than \$100,000 annually.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - DSS-CD</u>			
Children age 18 to 21 re-entering foster care	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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

Under current law, if a youth under the age of 18 is released from the custody of the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services, the juvenile officer, the Children's Division or the youth may petition the court to return to the custody of the Children's Division if it appears it would be in the youth's best interest. This proposal raises the age limit from 18 to 21.

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 Social Services -
Children's Division



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