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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5657-01
Bill No.: SB 802
Subject: Children and Minors; Social Services Department
Type: Original
Date: February 24, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal extends certain time periods for when child abuse and neglect investigations and determinations shall be made by the Children’s Division.

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.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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 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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA) - Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)/DSS** states this proposal would require multiple changes to the Family and Children's Electronic System (FACES) in the Child Abuse and Neglect (CA/N) Assignment and Managed Reporting processes.

All three sections of the proposal affect the same programs.

<u>Function</u>	<u>Work Effort (hours)</u>
Analysis and Design	8 hours
Update HLD and Tech Specification Documents	4 hours
CAN/N Assignment modifications and unit testing	32 hours
Managed Reporting modifications and unit testing	80 hours
System/Regression Test	20 hours
User Acceptance Testing	<u>40 hours</u>
Total:	184 hours

State Staff would be required for this effort at \$63.04/hr

Total Cost: 184 hours X \$63.04/hr = \$ 11,599 (rounded)

Match rate for FACES is 50% GR and 50% Federal.

Cost from General Revenue Funds = \$5,800 (rounded)

Cost from Federal Funds = \$5,800 (rounded)

Oversight assumes the system changes required by this proposal can be accomplished with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** state this proposal extends the amount of the time the CD has to complete child abuse and neglect investigations and the amount of time the CD has to provide the alleged perpetrator with written notification of the CD's determination.

In 210.145.15, this proposal changes the deadline for completing child abuse neglect investigations from 30 days to 45 days. This section also extends the amount of time the CD has to update the information system from 30 days to 45 days when the investigation cannot be completed within the 45 days.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

This section will provide some additional time for the CD to complete investigations and collect the necessary evidence to support investigative conclusions. The CD does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of this section.

In 210.183.1, this proposal increases the amount of time the CD has to make every reasonable attempt to complete the investigation from 30 days to 45 days, except if a child involved in the pending investigation dies, the investigation shall remain open until the division's investigation surrounding the death is completed. In this section, this proposal also extends the amount of time the CD has to provide written notification to the alleged perpetrator of its determination from 90 days to 100 days.

This section will provide some additional time for the CD to notify the alleged perpetrator of the CD's determination. The CD does not anticipate a fiscal impact as result of this section.

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

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

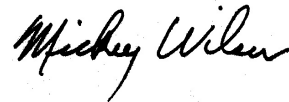
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

Department of Social Services -
Children's Division
Office of Administration -
Information Technology Services Division/DSS



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