

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0665-01
Bill No.: SB 88
Subject: Adoption; Attorneys; Children and Minors; Children’s Division; Courts; Courts, Juvenile; Domestic Relations; Family Law; Guardians; Marriage and Divorce; Social Services, Department of
Type: Original
Date: February 12, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law relating to guardians ad litem.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Social Services** and the **Department of Mental Health** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Oversight notes that the Office of the State Courts Administrator, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Mental Health have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Oversight inquired the Office of the State Courts Administrator and the Department of Social Services regarding guardians ad litem. The Department of Social Services responded as follows:

- Guardian Ad Litem are paid by the local county government for children in the Children’s Division custody up until the termination of parental rights. After the termination of parental rights, the court may order the Children’s Division to pay.
- The Children’s Division uses existing foster care and adoption appropriations to cover guardian ad litem costs.

The **Department of Social Services** also states that according to the Children’s Division, there would be no change in additional expenditures other than what the division is already doing. Oversight is gathering additional information on expenditures paid to Guardian Ad Litem as well as possible impacts to counties and, due to time constraints, will provide it on future versions of fiscal notes for this bill.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<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

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services
Department of Mental Health



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