

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2830-02  
Bill No.: SB 828  
Subject: Family Services Division: Children and Minors  
Type: Original  
Date: February 4, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
 This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

This bill would establish rights and responsibilities of foster parents. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Division of Family Services could require as many as thirty-six pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in *Missouri Register* as in the *Code* because cost estimates and fiscal notes are not repeated in the *Code*. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. The estimated cost of publication in FY 2003 for this proposal is \$2,214. Actual cost could be more or less and costs in future years would depend upon frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

This proposal alone would not require the Secretary of State to hire additional personnel; however, the cumulative effect of several bills requiring rulemaking activity could require additional resources.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials of **Department of Social Services' Division of Family Services** stated that its Foster Parent Bill of Rights sets out as current goals the aims of this proposal; therefore, they would not expect additional costs due to this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

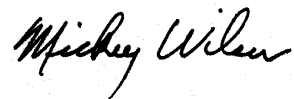
This proposal would establish rights and responsibilities of the Division of Family Services and foster parents. Rights and duties would include treatment of parents and children, clear explanation of the foster parent's role, training and support for foster parents, pre-placement visits and sharing information about the child, participation in case management of the child, notification of court hearings, communication with professionals, decision-making authority, ability to request removal of a child in certain cases, preference of foster parents as permanent parents, providing of twenty-four hour assistance, timely reimbursement and confidentiality.

The proposal would also note a foster parent's right to be free from reprisal. The Department of Social Services would be prohibited from retaliating against a foster parent in certain circumstances.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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