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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5360-05
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1492
Subject: Children and Minors; Courts, Juvenile
Type: Original
Date: March 24, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal allows for drug use or convictions to be considered in determining parental fitness in termination of parental rights proceedings.

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.
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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 at the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal. Although passage of this bill would have no fiscal impact for the DOC, it has the potential to be quite impactful to the offender population. Many of them have used drugs or have drug convictions that may be considered in determining their parental fitness in termination of their parental rights proceedings. Terminating an offender's parental rights may impact their willingness to strive to self-improve while in prison, decreasing their chances of becoming a productive member of society upon release. The DOC offers many programs that assist offenders in improving their parenting and cognitive skills while incarcerated. Due to completion of these programs, they may actually become better parents after being incarcerated.

Officials at the **Office of the Attorney General** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

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

<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.

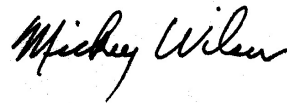
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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 Corrections
Office of the Attorney General
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Public Defender
Department of Social Services
Office of Prosecution Services



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