

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5489-01
Bill No.: HB 1767
Subject: Children and Minors; Children’s Division
Type: Original
Date: February 1, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to assessment and treatment services for children entering foster care.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	\$36,707	\$44,048	\$44,048
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$36,707	\$44,048	\$44,048

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Savings and losses net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** state HB 1767 amends two sections in Chapter 210, relating to foster children. The changes in these sections confirm that appropriate assessment and treatment services can be made available for all foster children.

Section 210.110 is amended to include all children, not just children under ten years old.

Section 210.112 amends foster care and the child protection and welfare system. Any contract entered into under this section shall ensure that treatment services may be available for any child, not just children under ten years old.

The **MO HealthNet Division (MHD)** reports approximately 1,754 foster care kids under 10 years old received more than 2 EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) services in a calendar year. (MHD cannot determine if any of the visits after the 1st visit were due to the current statute or if there was a medical necessity). The average cost of these 1,754 visits is \$72.17 per visit (1,754 X \$72.17 = \$126,586).

If the proposed legislation passes, MHD assumes the 2nd (or any un-medically necessary visit after the initial assessment, following the American Academy of Pediatric guidelines) would no longer be billed to MHD.

MHD estimates a total savings for FY19/FY20/FY21 of \$126,586 (GR \$44,048; FF \$82,538).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Savings - DSS (§§210.110 and 210.112)</u>			
Reduction in EPSDT services	<u>\$36,707</u>	<u>\$44,048</u>	<u>\$44,048</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$36,707</u>	<u>\$44,048</u>	<u>\$44,048</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Savings - DSS (§§210.110 and 210.112)</u>			
Reduction in EPSDT services	\$68,781	\$82,538	\$82,538
<u>Loss - DSS (§§210.110 and 210.112)</u>			
Reduction reimbursement for EPSDT services	<u>(\$68,781)</u>	<u>(\$82,538)</u>	<u>(\$82,538)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<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

This bill changes the law regarding assessment and treatment services for children in foster care. The bill specifies that assessment and treatment services must be completed in accordance with the periodicity schedule set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The bill also requires assessment and treatment services for all children in foster care; previously such services were only needed for children under ten.


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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services -
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