

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0170

Title: Revise child abuse and neglect laws

**Primary
Sponsor:** Mike Halligan

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$10,264	\$10,576
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$10,264	\$10,576

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There were 203 adoptions in FY 2000, of which 176 were children age 12 or under.
2. It is anticipated that an average of 26 children per year will experience delays in being adopted as a result of this bill and will remain in Foster Care longer. The average length of the delay for these children is six months.
3. The average cost per case for Foster Care is \$4,148 and the average cost per case for Subsidized Adoption is \$3,401 and the difference between the two is \$747
4. A 3% annual adjustment for inflation results in an average cost of \$792 for FY 2002 and \$816 for FY 2003.
5. The additional cost will be 26 multiplied by \$792 divided by 2 (for only six months) for an impact of \$10,296 for FY 2002. For FY 2003, the impact will be 26 times \$816 divided by 2 for an impact of \$10,608.
6. Operational costs for printing new forms for required notification are estimated at \$5,000 per year and mediation costs for the alternative dispute resolution of \$5,000 per year.

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7. There will be an estimated savings of \$10,032 per year based on the perpetrator being removed from a two-parent household. For these situations, the child will not be removed from the home and immediately placed in foster care. This cost is estimated as follows: 22 children (estimated children that would not be removed because perpetrator is removed) times 30 days times \$15.20 (weighted average Foster Care Rate based on 70% client population under age 12 and 30% 13 or older) equals \$10,032.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000
Benefits	<u>264</u>	<u>576</u>
TOTAL	\$10,264	\$10,576
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$10,264	\$10,576
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$10,264	\$10,576