



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0585

Title: Revise child abuse and neglect laws regarding adoptive families

Primary Sponsor: Galloway, Steven

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
  Needs to be included in HB 2     
  Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
  Significant Long-Term Impacts     
  Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 585 revises child abuse and neglect laws involving adoptive families, providing that only licensed clinical social workers, licensed psychologists, or professionals with training regarding adoption may investigate allegations of child abuse or neglect against an adoptive parent and remove a child from the adoptive home.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

- Child protective social workers employed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) are not licensed clinical social workers or licensed psychologists. To implement new section 1(a) or 1(b), DPHHS would have to contract with external providers for investigative services. The licensures referenced in the bill language do not ensure that providers are trained in DPHHS's safety model and its application to determine risk and safety in a removal decision.

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2. Given the small number of reports annually involving adoptive parents, implementing new section 1(a) or 1(b) may result in DPHHS training private licensed providers in the safety model for a service they may never provide. It is also difficult to predict the level of interest from providers in providing this service which requires 24/7 availability and statewide access.
3. Because implementing new section 1(a) or 1(b) would come with high costs and uncertainty, DPHHS would meet the requirements of the bill by implementing (1)(c). Focused training on the complexities of adoptions would be provided to child protection specialists annually. Based on external training costs for other topic matters, this training is estimated to cost \$5,000 annually.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):**

General Fund (01)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR**

Sponsor's Initials

3/1/21  
Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3/1/21  
Date