

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number Senate Bill 78

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Yvonne B. Miller

3. Committee Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title Kinship care; definition

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill would define the practice of kinship care as the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of children by relatives, members of their tribes or clans, stepparents, or any adult who has a familial bond with a child. The bill requires a local board of social services to consider kinship care as an alternative to a foster care placement if it is in the child's best interest.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources