

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 727

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

2. Patron McQuigg, Michele B.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Adoption laws; changes in provisions

5. Summary/Purpose: Expands jurisdiction and venue choices for parties involved in adoption, reduces the review time of an adoption petition, and adds factors for the court to consider when determining whether or not to grant an adoption petition. Additionally, the bill sets out the procedure for close relative adoptions. The bill also makes several other administrative changes to the adoption laws to make navigating through the adoption process easier and to facilitate use of the process by all involved.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Adoption policy changes are communicated to all local departments via a policy transmittal, usually in the form of a broadcast. Regional specialists currently follow up with training on the policy changes. Additional costs associated with the adoption policy changes would be minimal and could be absorbed by the department.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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