

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 727

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☒ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**            McQuigg, Michele B.

**3. Committee**       Courts of Justice

**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. In addition, the bill makes several other changes to the adoption laws to modify the adoption process.

**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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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources