

**Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 138

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Peace

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Adoption; filing of petition

5. Summary: This legislation provides that a petition filed while a child is under 18 years of age shall not become invalid because the child reaches 18 years of age prior to the entry of a final order of adoption and that any final order of adoption entered after a child reaches 18 years of age, where the petition was filed prior to the child turning 18 years of age, shall have the same effect as if the child was under 18 years of age at the time the order was entered by the circuit court.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact statement associated this legislative proposal has been revised to reflect no fiscal impact.

The original estimate assumed that 52 children between the ages of 18 and 21 were adopted in FY 2007 and would have been impacted by this bill. Moreover, it presumed that these young persons were in foster care and would have special needs that would make them eligible for an adoption subsidy beyond the age of 18. However, a continued examination of FY 2007 data indicated that none of these young persons were in foster care. The bill is not expected to generate any new adoption subsidy costs; therefore the fiscal impact has been removed.

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