

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 450

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

2. Patron: Toscano, David J.

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Parental rights; procedure for restoration

5. Summary: The proposed legislation creates a procedure for restoring the parental rights to a child's parent whose rights as to that child had previously been terminated, provided certain conditions exist. The petition to restore a parent's rights may be filed by the local board of social services or the child's guardian ad litem. In order to order the restoration of rights, the court must find that such an order is in the child's best interest and that the child has not achieved or sustained his permanency goal and is not likely to do so in the next six months. Both the child and the parent whose rights are to be restored must consent to the restoration.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill establishes the conditions under which previously terminated parental rights of a child in foster care can be restored. The Department of Social Services maintains that the provisions of this bill would not have a significant impact on workload or costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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