

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 451

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

**2. Patron:** Toscano, David J.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Adoption; appointment of counsel if parent is determined to be indigent

**5. Summary:** The enrolled legislation provides that in an adoption proceeding where the consent of a birth parent is required, but the petition for adoption alleges that the birth parent is withholding consent to the adoption, the court must provide written notice to the birth parent of his right to be represented by counsel prior to any hearing or decision on the petition. Upon request, the court shall appoint counsel for any such birth parent if such parent has been determined to be indigent.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Social Services  
Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 2/22/12

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