

**Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB241-ER

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

2. Patron: Brewer

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Close relative adoption.

5. Summary: Lowers from three years to two years the amount of time a child must have continuously resided with or been under the physical custody of the prospective close relative adoptive parent in order for the adoption proceeding to commence in circuit court and be exempt from the parental placement provisions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill does not have a fiscal impact. It reduces the amount of time a child must reside with a close relative before adoption proceedings can begin.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, Circuit Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.