

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB528

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

2. Patron: James

3. Committee: House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Placement of certain individuals in independent living arrangements

5. Summary: Permits the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to place in an independent living arrangement an individual who is between the ages of 16 and 21 and who was in the custody of DJJ immediately prior to such placement. The bill also permits the Department of Social Services to provide independent living services to such individuals who are placed in an independent living arrangement and to individuals who are between 18 and 21 years of age who, immediately prior to their commitment to DJJ, had been in the custody of a local board of social services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to DJJ, the proposed legislation codifies existing practice and would not increase the number of DJJ youth referred to independent living arrangements. In FY 2017, DJJ placed 21 youth in independent living arrangements at an average daily cost of \$225. Independent living arrangement costs are paid out of existing DJJ appropriations. Therefore, DJJ does not anticipate the proposed legislation to create any additional fiscal impact on agency operations.

The proposed legislation also permits the Department of Social Services to provide independent living services to youth placed in independent living arrangements and to individuals between 18 and 21 years of age who, immediately prior to their commitment to DJJ, had been in custody of a local board of social services. According to the Department of Social Services (DSS), current law requires DSS to provide independent living services to youth who meet the following criteria: (1) in DSS custody immediately prior to commitment to DJJ, (2) transitioning from DJJ commitment to self-sufficiency, and (3) who enter into a written agreement.

It is unclear how many youth will request independent living services through DSS as a result of this legislation. Therefore, the fiscal impact on DSS cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Juvenile Justice, and Department of Social Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None