

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1728-H1

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

**2. Patron:** Reid

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Post-adoption contact & communication agreements; child placed in foster care, court commitment.

**5. Summary:** The bill allows the agency authorized to place the child for adoption to inform the birth parents of a child that they may enter into a written post-adoption contract and communication agreement. Furthermore, it requires that the adoptive parents and the child, if he is 14 years of age or older, be informed that they may enter into a written post-adoption contract and communication agreement.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill does not have a fiscal impact. Guidance and training for local department of social services and licensed child placing agency staff regarding the use of a written post-adoption contract and communication agreement will need to be updated to reflect the new requirement, but this can be absorbed within the Department's current appropriation. The substitute bill removes the requirement that the court must consider an agreement. Additionally, it provides specific circumstances in which a local board of social services or child-placing agency is required to inform birth parents, adoptive parents, and children aged 14 or older about the agreement.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.