

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2542-H1

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

2. Patron: Byron

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Temporary delegation of parental or legal custodial powers; child-placing agency.

5. Summary: Allows a parent or legal custodian of a minor to delegate to another person by a properly executed power of attorney any powers regarding care, custody, or property of the minor for a period not exceeding 180 days. The bill provides that a parent or legal custodian who is a service member, as defined in the bill, may delegate such powers for a period of longer than 180 days while on active duty service, but specifies that such a period is not to exceed such active duty service plus 30 days. Additionally, the bill requires private, nonprofit organizations will be subject to background checks and must develop and implement written policies for certain services and provide staff and provider training.

The substitute bill exempts from the requirement to obtain a license as a child-placing agency a person to whom parental and legal custodial powers have been delegated. In the substitute bill, private, nonprofit organizations that assist parents with the process of delegating parental or legal custodial powers of their children are not exempt from obtaining a license as a child-placing agency. Additionally, any person to whom any powers are delegated is subject to background checks.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is does not have material fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services or local departments of social services.

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.