

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1720-ER

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

2. Patron: Mason

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Kinship foster care; notice.

5. Summary: Requires local boards of social services, when identifying foster care placement options, to (i) determine whether the child has any relatives who may be eligible to become a kinship foster parent, (ii) take all reasonable steps to provide notice to such relatives of their potential eligibility to become a kinship foster parent, and (iii) explain to such relatives any opportunities they may have to participate in the placement and care of the child, including opportunities available through kinship foster care or kinship guardianship.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill codifies current practice. Currently, local departments of social services notify relatives when a child is entering the foster care system.

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.