

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB472-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: Reeves

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Foster care; termination of parental rights; independent living needs assessments.

5. Summary: Requires local boards of social services and child-placing agencies to include in a petition for a permanency planning hearing a clear description of the reasons why a petition to terminate parental rights has not been filed if the child has been in the custody of a local board or child-placing agency for 15 of the last 22 months and no petition for termination of parental rights has been filed with the court. The bill requires that local boards and child-placing agencies provide information to birth parents regarding the parent's option to voluntarily terminate parental rights.

Enactment clauses included in the bill: 1. require the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations related to termination of parental rights, case planning consultations, independent living needs assessments and plans, and reporting requirements for local boards and child-placing agencies; 2. Require the Commissioner to provide guidance documents to local departments explaining the process through which a parent can voluntarily terminate rights; and 3. Require the Commissioner to establish a work group to assess the feasibility and costs of establishing supervisory spans of control for foster care supervisors.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Social Services, there is capacity within the program to absorb any additional workload required by the bill.

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.