

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB501

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: Reeves

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Adoption and foster care; persons authorized to conduct home studies.

5. Summary: Allows home studies for purposes of adoption or foster care placements to be conducted by any person who has completed the home study training program established by regulations of the Board of Social Services. Under current law, such home studies must be conducted by a local board of social services or licensed child-placing agency. This bill has an enactment clause that requires the agency to promulgate regulations.

This fiscal impact statement has been revised to reflect updated information from the Department of Social Services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

This legislation requires all home studies to be completed by either: a local board, child-placing agency, or other person who has completed the home study training program established by Board regulation.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has determined that its current contract with the Consortium for Resource, Adoptive and Foster Family Training initiative (CRAFTT) can absorb the additional training workload, as described by the bill. Therefore, this bill does not have a fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: There is an amendment approved by the Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services committee that adds an enactment clause that exempts the initial regulations promulgated by the Board of Social Services from the Administrative Process Act.

