

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1962

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

2. Patron: Gooditis

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Foster care; termination of parental rights; relatives and fictive kin.

5. Summary: Requires local departments of social services and licensed child-placing agencies to involve in the development of a child's foster care plan the child's relatives and fictive kin who are interested in the child's welfare. The bill requires that a child 12 years of age or older be involved in the development of his foster care plan; under current law, a child's involvement is mandatory upon reaching 14 years of age. The bill contains other amendments to provisions governing foster care and termination of parental rights that encourage the placement of children with relatives and fictive kin.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	-	-	-
2022	\$14,467	-	General
	\$5,533	-	nongeneral
2023	-	-	-
2024	-	-	-
2025	-	-	-
2026	-	-	-
2027	-	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require modifications to the child welfare information systems, OASIS and Compass Mobile. These system updates are estimated at \$20,000 (\$14,667 GF and \$5,533 NGF) in FY 2022. The Department of Social Services (DSS) is unable to absorb the systems costs within existing appropriation.

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.