

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1143

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Fralin

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Foster Care; Visitation Rights for Birth Siblings

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would allow the courts to grant visitation rights to birth siblings of any child entrusted or committed to foster care if the court finds the birth sibling had an ongoing relationship with the child prior to his being placed in care and it is in the best interests of the child.

6. No fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: None

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Local departments of social services
Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: There is the potential for an increase in the number of court petitions that could be filed requesting visitation. There is no way to determine how many additional court cases may result or the increase in court ordered visitation. The department feels that any increase in workload as a result of this legislation would be minimal and can be absorbed with current resources.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources