

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1767

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: Crockett-Stark, Anne B.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Foster care placement

5. Summary: The enrolled bill eliminates language granting local boards of social services and licensed child-placing agencies discretion in deciding when to obtain background checks on adult household members residing in a home with a person with whom the local board or agency is considering placing a child on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis and makes such checks mandatory. In addition, the bill removes the placement of a child through an agreement between the parents or guardians and a public agency designated by a community policy and management team from the definition of “foster care placement.”

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: As a matter of practice, departments request background checks on all adults in a household where a foster child is placed. Therefore, eliminating the permissive language will not increase the overall number or cost of background checks. The proposed change to the definition of “foster care placement” will have no impact on the foster care caseload.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/10/11

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