

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1040

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: Barker, George L.

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Foster care placement

5. Summary: The proposed legislation 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” so that “foster care placement” means placement of a child through (i) an agreement between the parents or guardians and the local board where legal custody remains with the parents or guardians or (ii) an entrustment or commitment of the child to the local board or licensed child-placing agency.

The bill also 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.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: As a matter of practice, the department requests 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.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 1767.

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