

Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1178

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

2. Patron: Marsden, David W.

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Child welfare; placement of children

5. Summary: The bill requires, when in the best interest of the child, local boards first seek out kinship care options to keep children out of foster care and as a placement option for those children in foster care. When a child cannot be returned to his prior family or placed for adoption and kinship care is not currently in the best interests of the child, the local board must consider the placement and services that afford the best alternative for protecting the child's welfare. Placements may include but are not limited to family foster care, treatment foster care and residential care. Services may include but are not limited to assessment and stabilization, diligent family search, intensive in-home, intensive wraparound, respite, mentoring, family mentoring, adoption support, supported adoption, crisis stabilization or other community-based services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The department maintains that the proposal reflects current policy and therefore will not have any additional costs.

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 1984.

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