

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 349

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: McWaters, Jeffrey L.

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Child-placing agency; conscience clause

5. Summary: The substitute proposal stipulates that private child-placing agencies are not required to be involved with the placement of a child for foster care or adoption when the placement violates the agency's written convictions or policies. In addition, such agencies cannot be denied licensure or participation in a government program. The bill also provides that such refusal would not form the basis of any claim for damages.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this bill would not be expected to have an impact on the number of available child placing agencies in the Commonwealth. Therefore, the proposal would not have an effect on existing staff workloads in the Department of Social Services or child welfare programs.

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 189.

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