

**Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1795

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

2. Patron: Bell, Richard P.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Adoptive and foster placements; Mutual Family Assessment home study.

5. Summary: Requires that home studies conducted by local boards of social services to determine the appropriateness of an adoptive or foster placement comply with the Mutual Family Assessment home study template and any addenda thereto developed by the Department of Social Services (the Department). The bill provides authority to the Department to amend or update its Mutual Family Assessment home study template and any addenda thereto when necessary to improve the process of adoptive and foster placements, provided such amendments or updates do not lessen the requirements of the home study process.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the use of the uniform Mutual Family Assessment home study format by all local departments of social services. It also provides flexibility to the Department to amend or update this home study format when necessary. The legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Department or on local departments of social services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: