

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB986-ER

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: Gilbert

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Foster care and adoption; disclosure of information prior to placement.

5. Summary: Requires local boards of social services, prior to foster care placements, and directors of local departments of social services and child-placing agencies, prior to adoptions, to disclose to the foster parents, adoptive parents, or children's residential facility information regarding whether the child has been the subject of an investigation regarding sexual abuse.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services, if this bill is enacted. This legislation adds a requirement that the written agreement entered into between the local department of social services (LDSS) and the placement provider shall include a statement that the LDSS has provided all known information regarding whether the child has been the subject of an investigation regarding sexual abuse. Additionally, the investigation report required by the Circuit Court for adoption cases must now include information regarding whether the child has been the subject of an investigation regarding sexual abuse.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.