

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2043

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: McGuire

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Child care providers; background checks; portability.

5. Summary: Exempts prospective employees and volunteers of certain child welfare agencies from statutory background check requirements where the individual completed a background check within the previous five years, provided that (i) such background check was conducted after July 1, 2017; (ii) the results of such background check indicated that the individual had not been convicted of any barrier crime and was not the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect; and (iii) the individual is an employee or volunteer of any child welfare agency that is subject to background check requirements or has been separated from such employment or volunteer position for not more than 180 days. The bill requires such child welfare agencies, prior to hiring or allowing to volunteer any individual without the completion of a background check, to obtain written certification from the Department of Social Services that such individual satisfies all requirements set forth above and is eligible to serve as an employee or volunteer at the child welfare agency.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The number of individuals that will qualify for background check portability as a result of this bill is unknown. However, it is assumed that any potential revenue loss will be negligible. Additionally, allowing portability of background checks, as prescribed by the legislation, will require modifications to the Background Investigation System (BIS). These changes and updates are estimated to cost \$38,250 (\$85 per hour x 450 hours). This cost will be funded through fee revenue and can be absorbed within the current appropriation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.