

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB371

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: Bell

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Adoption by stepparent; background check.

5. Summary: Repeals the July 1, 2020, sunset on provisions that require a circuit court, when determining whether an investigation by the director of the local department of social services should be required before a final order is entered to approve as an adoptive parent the spouse of a child's birth or adoptive parent, to consider the results of a national criminal history background check conducted on the prospective adoptive parent.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill removes the July 1, 2020 sunset clause. The stepparents will continue to bear the cost of the background checks. There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services or local departments of social services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.