

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB917

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

**2. Patron:** Brewer

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare, and Institutions

**4. Title:** Kinship Guardianship Assistance program; eligibility; fictive kin.

**5. Summary:** Expands eligibility for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program by allowing payments to be made to fictive kin who receive custody of a child of whom they had been the foster parent.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 292, Office of Children's Services. See Item 8.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Over the past year, 2.2 percent (55) of the 2,551 children discharged from foster care have had their custody transferred to "non-relatives", who would likely have been considered "fictive kin." Out of the 446 discharges of custody transfer to relatives over the past year, only 2.2 percent (10) exited care into the kinship guardianship assistance program (KinGAP). The estimated number of children coming into the program as a result of this legislation and who would otherwise be receiving foster care maintenance payments is cumulative and is estimated to be one child annually. It is assumed that one child will age out or otherwise leave the program every two years. The annual maintenance cost for one child served by the Department of Social Services (DSS) in KinGAP is estimated to be \$21,828 (\$10,914 GF and \$10,914 NGF). The annual maintenance cost for one child served by the Office of Children's Services (OCS) in KinGAP is estimated to be \$21,828 (\$13,970 GF and \$7,858 local match). Additionally, the annual services costs per child in KinGAP is estimated at \$5,997 (\$3,838 GF and \$2,159 local match). Services for children in foster care are managed by the Office of Children's Services, regardless of which agency is responsible for the maintenance costs. The estimated number of children coming into the program is cumulative and is estimated to be one child annually. It is assumed that one child will age out or otherwise leave the program every two years. The Department of Social Services projects a KinGAP enrollment increase of one child in FY 2021, two children in FY 2022 and FY 2023; two children plus one child supported by OCS in FY 2024; and three children plus one child supported by OCS in FY 2025, and each year after. These costs are minimal and can be absorbed within DSS's existing budget. The Office of Children's Services, however, is a reimbursement-based agency, so the agency cannot absorb any additional expenditures within

its current appropriation. The annual costs by agency and fund source can be found in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>DSS costs</b>	<b>OCS costs</b>
FY 2021	10,914 GF / 10,914 NGF	3,838 GF / 2,159 local
FY 2022	21,828 GF / 21,828 NGF	7,676 GF / 4,318 local
FY 2023	21,828 GF / 21,828 NGF	7,676 GF / 4,318 local
FY 2024	21,828 GF / 21,828 NGF	25,484 GF / 14,335 local
FY 2025	32,742 GF / 32,742 NGF	29,322 GF / 16,494 local
FY 2026	32,742 GF / 32,742 NGF	29,322 GF / 16,494 local

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, Office of Children's Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.