

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB472

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: Reeves

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Foster care; termination of parental rights; independent living needs assessments.

5. Summary: Requires local boards of social services and child-placing agencies to include in a petition for a permanency planning hearing a clear description of the reasons why a petition to terminate parental rights has not been filed if the child has been in the custody of a local board or child-placing agency for 15 months and no petition for termination of parental rights has been filed with the court. The bill requires that local boards and child-placing agencies provide information to birth parents regarding the parent's option to voluntarily terminate parental rights.

Enactment clauses included in the bill: 1. require the Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations related to termination of parental rights, independent living needs assessments and plans, and reporting requirements for local boards and child-placing agencies; 2. Require the Commissioner to provide guidance documents to local departments explaining the process through which a parent can voluntarily terminate rights; and 3. Require the Commissioner to establish a work group to assess the feasibility and costs of establishing supervisory spans of control for foster care supervisors.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Social Services, there is capacity within the program to absorb any additional workload required by the bill.

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.