

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2191-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: Leftwich

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Local department of social services; location of child in local department's custody.

5. Summary: Provides that a local department of social services shall, upon request of the legal guardian or custodian of a child, disclose to such legal guardian or custodian the location of the child when the child is in the custody of another legal guardian or custodian, unless the local department finds that such disclosure would compromise the safety of the child or the legal guardian or custodian.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Senate substitute limits the ability of a parent or guardian to request the location of the child to during a child abuse or neglect investigation or family assessment. Additionally, the burden shifts to the requester to provide custody status for all custody court orders. By limiting the ability to request information to within the timeframe when an investigation or family assessment takes place, the local department of social services (LDSS) would not need to conduct another, separate investigation to determine safety concerns. The legislation, as amended, would have no fiscal impact on Department of Social Services or local departments.

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.