

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB833-ER

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cousins

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Child abuse and neglect; custody and visitation; possession or consumption of authorized substances.

5. **Summary:** Provides that a child shall not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person shall be denied custody or visitation of a child, based only on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed legally authorized substances.

An enactment clause directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No fiscal impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation codifies the existing practice for determining the validity of a complaint of child maltreatment involving substance use by the parent or caretaker. Therefore, this legislation does not have an impact.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** Identical to SB115