

Revised based on amendments adopted through 4-10-15

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	1,500,000		1,500,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	1,500,000		1,500,000	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill requires the establishment of family finding services pilots in two or more service areas of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department will contract with one or more family finding services. A portion of all cases involving state wards who are in foster care or former wards participating in the Bridge to Independence Program shall be referred to the family finding contractors. The Department is required to establish a data collection system. An evaluation by an academic institution is required beginning in the third year of the pilot project. The bill states intent to appropriate \$1.5 million in General Funds for each year of the project along with federal matching funds. The pilot terminates on June 30, 2019.

The bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$1.5 million in General Funds for each year of the pilot project, administrative costs and the evaluation. It is unknown if Title IV-E federal funding will be available. Up to an additional \$1.5 million would be available if it is determined that Title IV-E funding can be used.

The Department will have administrative costs for contract monitoring and oversight of the pilot and evaluation costs totaling \$183,926 in FY 16 and \$213,166 in FY 17. The bill requires pilot projects to be established in two or more service areas. In FY 16, \$1,316,074 would be provided for the family finding contracts. In FY17, \$1,286,834 is provided.