

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

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

This bill places timelines on investigations of child abuse and neglect of facilities licensed under the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act. A decision would need to be made on whether to investigate a report within five days of receipt of a report. Investigations would need to be completed within 30 days after the decision is made to investigate.

Investigations involving law enforcement often are not completed within 30 days. Additional resources would have little or no impact on the Department of Health and Human Services being able to meet the 30-day requirement due to the complexity of the investigations and need to coordinate with law enforcement.

For all investigations that can be handled by the Department alone, an additional investigator is needed. The cost would be \$60,000 in FY 2019 and \$58,000 in FY 2020. The costs would be from General Funds.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>		<u>FY 2019-2020</u>	
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Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1079 would establish new requirements for investigations under the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act. It would institute a requirement that the Department review all complaints and determine whether to conduct an investigation within five working days of receiving a complaint report. Current statute does not include this time limit. Additionally, LB 1079 would require the Department to issue an investigation report within 30 days of making the decision to conduct the investigation.

The Department would review and determine whether to conduct an investigation within five working days of receiving a complaint report using existing resources.

The complete cost to comply LB 1079’s 30 day reporting requirement is unknown. Of the 75 investigations under the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act in 2017, 31 involved either CFS or law enforcement. The time elapsed between the initiation of such an investigation and its resolution typically exceeds 30 days. Without placing time restrictions on remaining steps in the process, increasing appropriations to the Department will have little or no impact on the length of law enforcement-involved investigations.

The Department would require 1 FTE Child Care/Services Inspection Specialist to ensure compliance with the 30 day reporting requirement on all other investigations. Total expenditures for wages, benefits, and operating overhead are estimated at \$71,513 in each FY19 and FY20. This would require either a general fund expenditure in Program 262 or an increase in the fees set in the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act (71-1929) to be financed with cash.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2018-2019	2019-2020
		18-19	19-20	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	Child Care Services/Inspection Specialist	1.0	1.0	\$40,188	\$40,188
	Benefits.....			\$13,744	\$13,744
	Operating.....			\$17,582	\$17,582
	Travel.....				
	Capital Outlay.....				
	Aid.....				
	Capital Improvements.....				
	TOTAL.....			See above	See above