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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill allows firefighters and hospital staff members who engage in the administration of care or are at a fire station or hospital to accept the custody of an infant who is 72 hours old or younger into their care without a court order. The firefighter or hospital staff member must contact law enforcement within four hours after receiving the child. The Department of Health and Human Services shall maintain a monthly report of the number of children who have been abandoned pursuant to this legislation and report annually to the legislature. A child left with a firefighter or hospital staff member shall be placed with a potential adoptive parent as soon as possible by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Department of Health and Human Services indicates that costs relating to training, updating the policy guidebook and reporting would be absorbed as part of normal operating expenses. The department estimates that there would be additional child welfare costs, averaging 2 children per month. They project annual costs to be approximately \$13,500. In this fiscal note, it is assumed that there would not be additional child welfare costs. Although infants will be entering care as a result of this bill, infants who come into care under the provisions of this bill are already at risk of entering foster care even without this bill. It is likely there would not be additional costs.

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