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**LB 1070**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| <b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b> |                     |                |                     |                |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|   | <b>FY 2008-09</b>   |                | <b>FY 2009-10</b>   |                |
|   | <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>REVENUE</b> | <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>REVENUE</b> |
| GENERAL FUNDS                                       |                     |                |                     |                |
| CASH FUNDS  |                     |                |                     |                |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                       |                     |                |                     |                |
| OTHER FUNDS   |                     |                |                     |                |
| TOTAL FUNDS   |                     |                |                     |                |

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

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a child placement resources form to the custodial parent of a child placed in out-of-home care within five days of taking custody of the child. The form shall instruct the parent to provide the names and contact information for any relatives who may be suitable for out-of-home placement and the name and contact information of any non-custodial parent. Within 30 days of a taking the juvenile into custody the department shall conduct a diligent search to locate the persons on the child placement form and investigate whether placement with such persons would be safe and appropriate. The department is required to develop other procedures for identifying and locating relatives with whom a juvenile could be placed, including but not limited to, locating and interviewing other known relatives, friends, teachers and other community members who may have knowledge of the juvenile's extended family. This information shall be filed with the juvenile court at the time of the juvenile's initial review hearing.

Although this bill requires the development of a form and prescribes timelines duties to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department already conducts searches for relatives and assesses the appropriateness of a placement with a relative. This bill can be implemented with current agency resources.