

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	(88,820)		(429,760)	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	(132,420)		(644,640)	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(220,700)		(1,074,400)	

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

This bill requires the Supreme Court to provide by court rule, as a rebuttable presumption, support order guidelines for the determination of support ordered for a state ward or ward of the court. The parents would be responsible for the support which includes maintenance, education and treatment of the ward. Current law allows support orders but does not make it mandatory.

Actual savings would depend on the number of additional court orders and the amount of support ordered. The department estimates that up to 2,900 additional children could have support ordered for their care. This fiscal note assumes an average order of \$116 per month per child and a 70% collection rate and gradual implementation over a four year period. In FY 08, it is assumed 450 additional court orders would be issued for state wards. The savings would be \$220,700 (\$88,280 GF and \$132,420 FF). In the second year, it is assumed 725 wards currently without orders and 600 new wards would have orders. The savings would be \$1,074,400 (\$429,760 GF and \$644,640 FF). Additional work would be handled by existing staff.