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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2009-10</b>		<b>FY 2010-11</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
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 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to make payments to adoptive parents of children who have been in a subsidized guardianship once an adoption has been finalized. The payments may include maintenance costs, medical and surgical expenses and other costs incidental to the cost of care of the child. Payments shall terminate on or before the child's twentieth birthday.

The payment amount for a subsidized guardianship would be equal to a subsidized adoption, so this would not have a fiscal impact. There could be an increased cost for non-recurring expenses, such as for the legal fees, as these are not covered currently by state funds. Up to \$1,500 per case could be paid. The department estimates that there could be between 6 and 8 such adoptions per year. Federal funds would pay for one half of the costs. The language is permissive and the potential is only for a few such adoptions per year. The payments, if made, can be done within the current child welfare appropriations.