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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2010-11</b>		<b>FY 2011-12</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 sets out requirements for transition plans for children who turn sixteen in foster care or upon entering the foster care system are sixteen years of age or older. The bill also requires that the Department of Health and Human Services to notify the non-custodial parent and all relatives of a child who has been taken to the custody of the department. Specific timelines are provided for such notification and the information to be provided to the notified parties is specified. The bill also requires that reasonable efforts be made to place siblings together and if this is not possible, the department is required to make reasonable efforts to provide for frequent and meaningful visitation for the siblings.

There may be additional costs due to the requirements in the bill, but the costs cannot be determined. Beginning October 1, 2010, additional federal funding is available for transitional services for older foster children. This funding could be used to carryout the provisions of this bill relating to transition plans.