

Revised to correct an error

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	150,945		156,520	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	75,231		80,876	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	226,176		237,396	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill makes changes to the Bridge to Independent Program. It expands coverage of the Bridge to Independence Program to include you who entered into a state-funded or kinship guardianship agreement at age 16. They may choose to participate in the Bridge Program in lieu of an extended guardianship subsidy. The bill also extends Medicaid coverage for a child under a subsidized guardianship or adoption agreement up to 21.

It is assumed 20 young adults would shift from the subsidized guardianship program to Bridge to Independence. The Bridge payment are higher than the subsidy under guardianships; \$442 a month compared to \$760. The annual increase would be \$76,320 General Funds. Two additional Child and Family Services Specialist would also be needed at a cost of \$131,904 (65,952 GF and FF).

Medicaid coverage would also be extended to those between 18 and 21 who are under a guardianship or adoption agreement when the young adult had attained sixteen years of age before the agreement became effective. There are approximately eight youth with guardianships and adoption assistance that would be eligible for Medicaid coverage in FY 16. In FY 17 there would approximately 13. The cost would be \$17,952 (\$8,673 GF and \$9,279 FF) \$29,172 (\$14,248 GF and \$14,924 FF) in FY 17.