

Revised to include a revised agency fiscal note

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

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

This bill prohibits the state from taking an adverse action against a child-placing agency because the agency declines to provide, facilitate or provide a direct referral for child welfare services that conflict with the agency’s sincerely held religious beliefs.

The state in the acceptance of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding and Title IV-E funding attests to complying with anti-discrimination law and regulations. The Department of Health and Human Services previously provided the following federal references which this bill may violate: 45 CFR 80.3, 45 CFR 260.34 and Executive Order 12559. Violations would result in federal funding being withheld from the State. The State receives \$58 million in TANF funding and approximately \$29 million in Title IV-E funding.

The agency’s revised fiscal note states, “It is assumed that if a provider(s) elect not to provide a child welfare service(s) based on a sincerely held religious belief, DCFS would procure this service from a different provider at the same cost.” This describes the current situation, however, under the provisions of this bill the providers with sincerely held religious beliefs would be protected from adverse actions, and therefore would not have a reason to not contract with the state.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2016-2017</u>		<u>FY 2017-2018</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
	\$0		\$0	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0		\$0	

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

There is no impact to the Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). It is assumed that if a provider(s) elect not to provide a child welfare service(s) based on a sincerely held religious belief, DCFS would procure this service from a different provider at the same cost.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2016-2017	2017-2018	
	POSITION TITLE	16-17	17-18	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0