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LB 219

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

Under this bill the Department of Health and Human Services would be required to provide to children in foster care when they turn 14 years old information, planning and assistance to obtain a driver’s license or identification card as allowed under state law. The information and assistance includes providing the child with a copy of the driver’s manual, identifying driver’s safety course and resources to access a driver’s safety course and identifying potential means to access a motor vehicle.

It is unclear if the intent is to cover the cost of driver’s licenses and driver safety course. This fiscal note assumes assistance means connection to resources, but not financial assistance beyond the maintenance payment provided to foster care providers. No costs are included for either the licenses or driver safety courses.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 219 AM: 1472	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with DHHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department.		

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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FY 2020-2021

FY 2021-2022

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below.		See below.	

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 219 Amendment 1472 removes language requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide each youth age 14 or older a copy of their birth certificate upon entering foster care. Currently, DHHS provides each youth age 14 or older their birth certificate upon exiting foster care. There is no change to current policy providing documentation due to LB 219 as amended.

The bill does not provide a definition for “assistance” regarding the section requiring foster families to provide “assistance” to youth 14 and older about obtaining a driver’s license. The Department interprets this to mean that financial assistance to families is already provided in the foster care maintenance payment. However, if it is interpreted that additional financial assistance will be required, DHHS could be obligated to pay for driver’s education for all out of home youth age 15 or older (1,074 in 2018) at a cost of \$350 per class. Total costs will be \$375,900 (all general funds) in the first year. It is assumed that each following year, ¼ of the similar number of youth will be taking the class (268 in total) for an ongoing cost of \$93,800 per year. The N-Focus payment system will need changes to add the additional field. Total cost will be \$4,485 (all general funds) in FY 2021.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2020-2021 EXPENDITURES	2021-2022 EXPENDITURES
	20-21	21-22		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				