

Revised based on amendments adopted through 3-8-22

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$479,954		\$466,518	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$44,237		\$2,174	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$524,191		\$468,692	

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

This bill establishes a child welfare practice model work group and a child welfare strategic leadership group. The child welfare practice work group is to develop a practice and finance model for transformation of the child welfare system. Included among the areas the work group is to study are: 1) the development of mission and vision; 2) the development of program goals and practice and finance models for case management and service delivery; 3) the development of engagement strategies to support community involvement; 4) the development of strategies to strengthen relationships across the judicial and executive branch; 5) the development of strategies that support integration across agencies; 6) the development of accountabilities across the child welfare system; 6) the evaluation of the state’s Title IV-E claiming; financial mechanisms for innovation and 7) the development of data collection and outcome monitoring. The work group will provide monthly updates to the leadership group. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to contract with an outside consultant with expertise in child welfare system transformation by December 2022. The work group is to submit their report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2023.

The Department of Health and Human Services estimates the cost of the consultant to be \$500,000 from General Funds with half the costs in FY 2023 and the other half in FY 2024.

The bill as amended requires the Department of Health and Human Services working with the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee to implement additional tiers for foster care reimbursement on or before October 1, 2022. Additionally, the bill requires the department to implement treatment family care services as allowed under federal law for Medicaid eligible children. The estimated number of days in the additional tiers is 9,743 annually. The cost would be \$135,516 (\$133,541 GF and \$1,975 FF) in FY 2023 and \$150,825 (\$148,651 GF and \$2,174 FF) in FY 2024. One-time training costs would be \$80,000 (\$40,000 GF and FF) in FY 2023. Changes to NFOCUS would be \$4,524 (\$2,262 GF and FF) in FY 2023.

AM 2200 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide specific notifications when the department is the representative payee for a child receiving social security. The notifications would be made to the child in an age-appropriate manner, to the child’s guardian ad litem and the courts. The department estimates the need for a social service worker. The costs would be \$54,151 in FY 2023 and \$67,867 in FY 2024 from General Funds.