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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	87,866		4,158	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	87,866		4,158	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill states legislative intent regarding expectations when foster children are placed in a foster home by the Department of Health and Human Services or an agency contracting with the department. The expectations are: 1) foster parents are treated with dignity and respect; 2) the department regularly seeks and considers input from foster parents; 3) foster parents are provided with the necessary and appropriate training; 4) the department will encourage and facilitate communication between foster parents and other care providers; 5) the department will facilitate communication between foster parents and the child's birth family, if appropriate; 6) the department will provide timely case plan information to foster parents; 7) the department will consider former foster parents as a preferential foster care option when appropriate; 8) the department will provide timely and appropriate information to foster parents on the child; 9) foster parents will be permitted to accept or refuse placements; and 10) respite care will be encouraged and facilitated. The department is required to provide a copy of policies and procedures and rules and regulations to each foster care licensee. The legislative intent in this bill shall not be construed to create a private right of action.

Foster parents currently receive a handbook, but not all rules, regulations, policies and procedures are included. Providing the 4,649 current foster parents with all the required information would cost \$87,866 in FY 2009 and for new foster home licenses in FY 2010, the cost would be \$4,158.

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