

HF3169 - 1E - "Mod Background Study Req Minor Foster Care"

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact		
		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Executive Budget Officer's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with MMB's Fiscal Note policies.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

Section 1. Licensed programs; other child care programs. Amends § 245C.04, subd. 1. Adds cross reference to new subdivision governing background studies for minors living in licensed foster care homes.

Section 2. Fingerprints and photograph. Amends § 245C.05, subd. 5. Adds cross-reference to new subdivision governing background studies for minors living in licensed foster care homes.

Section 3. Background study requirements for minors living in a licensed foster care home. Amends § 245C.05 by adding subd. 5a. (a) Specifies that a background study conducted for an individual aged 13 to 17 who lives in a licensed foster care home but does not receive licensed services shall submit information, listed in statute, that does not include fingerprints and photographs. (b) Requires an individual specified under paragraph (a) to submit a fingerprint and photograph if the commissioner has reasonable cause to require a national criminal history check.

Assumptions

Sections 1 and 2 do not require changes to systems or processes.

Section 3 requires NETStudy 2.0 to be able to process name and date of birth studies it currently only processes fingerprint-based studies. There is a way to process name and date of birth studies submitted for licensed foster care providers via a “workaround” that is available almost immediately without making changes to the system. A permanent solution would be folded in with other NETStudy 2.0 changes from the 2017 child care background study legislation which are queued up to be modified in NETStudy 2.0, but have not yet been made. This will allow the department the opportunity to make further adjustments based on 2018 legislation with minimal impact to the existing project goals.

Because this change is a small modification to the system and processes, providers’ fees collected under 245C.10 that are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of conducting background studies will pay for any changes. The DHS background study system is enterprise-based meaning fees are charged to cover the costs associated with conducting background studies. DHS monitors costs and fees and, as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.1285, subdivision 2, DHS will propose legislation as necessary to assure that the statutorily established background study fee “is set at a level that neither significantly over recovers nor under recovers costs, including overhead costs, involved in providing the services.”

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Fiscal Tracking Summary (\$000's)						

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Local Fiscal Impact

County Human Services agencies submit background studies for individuals affiliated with in-home licensed foster care programs. The changes proposed in this bill will have a de minimis impact on county staff's time in submitting background studies to DHS for processing and completion.

References/Sources

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