

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 8, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1489** by Ogden (Relating to recruiting foster parents from certain organizations and immunity from liability of those organizations.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1489, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,130,545) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	(\$590,621)
2005	(\$539,924)
2006	(\$539,924)
2007	(\$539,924)
2008	(\$539,924)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable (Cost) from <i>GR MATCH FOR MEDICAID</i> 758	Probable (Cost) from <i>GR MATCH FOR TITLE IV-E</i> 8008	Probable (Cost) from <i>FEDERAL FUNDS</i> 555
2004	(\$399,343)	(\$152,229)	(\$39,049)	(\$270,835)
2005	(\$365,065)	(\$139,162)	(\$35,697)	(\$247,588)
2006	(\$365,065)	(\$139,162)	(\$35,697)	(\$247,588)
2007	(\$365,065)	(\$139,162)	(\$35,697)	(\$247,588)
2008	(\$365,065)	(\$139,162)	(\$35,697)	(\$247,588)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	14.0
2005	14.0
2006	14.0
2007	14.0
2008	14.0

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) to develop a statewide program to recruit and/or retain foster parents from faith-based organization. It would require PRS to communicate certain information to prospective foster parents and to provide training for prospective foster parents recruited by the program. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house. Otherwise it would take effect on September 1, 2003.

## **Methodology**

It is assumed that the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) would hire one Child Protective Services Specialist III for each region of the State and an additional Child Protective Services Specialist III for each of the three largest regions in the State. One-time and ongoing expenses associated with the 14 new full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions are included as are costs for recruitment materials of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2004 and \$25,000 each year thereafter. It is assumed that the program will be implemented on September 1, 2003. An earlier implementation date would result in slightly higher costs.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

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