

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2331** by Morrison (Relating to the emergency possession of certain abandoned children; providing a penalty. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill amends the Family Code to remove the requirement of the Department of Family Protective Services from attempting to ascertain the identity of or locate the parent or relatives of a child who was delivered to a designated emergency infant care provider, unless it appears that the child has been abused or neglected. Before filing a petition to terminate parental rights, the Department would be required to verify that the child is not a missing child and must obtain a certificate of the search of a paternity registry.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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