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TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: HB1359 by Naishtat (Relating to the maximum amount of a monthly subsidy that may be paid under adoption assistance agreements for certain children with special needs.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the maximum monthly subsidy paid to an adoptive parent under an adoption assistance agreement be equal to the amount of the foster care payment that would be provided if the child remained in foster care on the date that the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and the adoptive parent enter into the adoption assistance agreement.

This maximum amount would only apply to a child who would otherwise have been expected to remain in foster care until the child's 18th birthday. DFPS anticipates that the increase in the monthly subsidy would be offset by a reduction in foster care costs and that the agency could absorb any additional costs associated with the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of

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