

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 24, 2007**

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

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

**IN RE: SB1098** by Patrick, Dan (Relating to a subsidy for health benefits coverage for certain adopted children.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Section 162.304, Family Code, to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to pay \$150 per month for health benefits coverage for children under age 18 who are adopted from the agency's conservatorship and not eligible for Medicaid if the adoptive family's income is less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level. It would be effective on September 1, 2007.

DFPS estimates the health benefits subsidy cost would be \$0.2 million for fiscal year 2008, \$0.5 million for fiscal year 2009, \$0.9 million for fiscal year 2010, \$1.2 million for fiscal year 2011, and \$1.6 million for fiscal year 2012. General Revenue Funds would be used to finance the program. These costs are expected to be absorbed within the agency's existing budget.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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