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TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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 Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1109** by Swanson (Relating to waiving certain minimum standards for substitute care providers for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1109, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,580,090) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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
2020	(\$810,459)
2021	(\$769,631)
2022	(\$540,277)
2023	(\$540,277)
2024	(\$540,277)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GR Match For Medicaid</i> 758	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Federal Funds</i> 555	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
2020	(\$801,494)	(\$8,965)	(\$86,066)	9.0
2021	(\$761,117)	(\$8,514)	(\$81,731)	9.0
2022	(\$534,300)	(\$5,977)	(\$57,375)	8.0
2023	(\$534,300)	(\$5,977)	(\$57,375)	8.0
2024	(\$534,300)	(\$5,977)	(\$57,375)	8.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 42 of the Human Resources Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to establish rules that create a procedure to allow each child-placing agency and single source continuum contractor to waive certain training requirements for the child's foster or prospective adoptive parent and foster homes if the training is not directly related to caring for the child. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

According to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), the agency would require 8.0 additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) to manage the increased workload for the agency's Foster and Adoption Division, the largest child-placing agency in the state, related to waiving certain training requirements. The Legislative Budget Board's analysis determined that the costs for the 8.0 FTEs including salary, benefits, and other operating expenses would be \$667,068 in fiscal year 2020 and \$594,268 in subsequent fiscal years.

DFPS determined it would need 1.0 FTE as staff augmentation for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to oversee changes to the IMPACT system in order to implement the provisions of the bill. It is estimated that the costs of staff augmentation and contracting to make these changes would cost \$212,905 in fiscal year 2020 and \$253,710 in fiscal year 2021.

HHSC determined that the provisions of the bill related to rulemaking could be absorbed using existing resources.

Technology

The total one-time technology costs are estimated \$212,905 in fiscal year 2020 and \$253,710 in fiscal year 2021 related to staff augmentation and contracting to make modifications to IMPACT. Technology costs including computers, telephones, and Data Center Services for the 8.0 additional FTEs are estimated to be \$16,552 in fiscal year 2020 and \$3,384 in subsequent fiscal years.

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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