

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
 Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2490** by Wu (Relating to the system for maintaining records relating to 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 HB2490, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,559,681) 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	(\$713,351)
2021	(\$846,330)
2022	(\$142,699)
2023	(\$144,754)
2024	(\$146,838)

**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	(\$704,431)	(\$8,920)	(\$69,879)	4.0
2021	(\$835,747)	(\$10,583)	(\$82,908)	4.0
2022	(\$140,915)	(\$1,784)	(\$13,979)	1.0
2023	(\$142,944)	(\$1,810)	(\$14,180)	1.0
2024	(\$145,002)	(\$1,836)	(\$14,385)	1.0

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to ensure that the agency's tracking and information management system allows case narrative information to be locked once approved by management and only allowed to be modified by court order. It would allow supplemental entries to the case narrative to provide updates. The bill would also require the system to include the date of change and identity of the person making any substantive change to information in the system.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

## **Methodology**

According to DFPS, the agency would require 4.0 additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. For fiscal years 2022 to 2024, the agency would require 1.0 additional FTE to implement the provisions of the bill.

## **Technology**

The analysis assumes that all costs included in the analysis are IT related. The costs include IT staff augmentation and additional IT services including computers, telecommunication services, and Data Center Services. The total IT costs are \$783,230 in All Funds in 2020, \$929,238 in All Funds in 2021, \$156,678 in All Funds in 2022, \$158,934 in All Funds in 2023, and \$161,223 in All Funds in 2024.

## **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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