

**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.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2490, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,564,362) 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	(\$1,193,773)
2021	(\$1,370,589)
2022	(\$426,556)
2023	(\$429,276)
2024	(\$166,222)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758	Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds 555	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
2020	(\$1,178,844)	(\$14,929)	(\$116,941)	6.0
2021	(\$1,353,449)	(\$17,140)	(\$134,262)	6.0
2022	(\$421,222)	(\$5,334)	(\$41,785)	3.0
2023	(\$423,908)	(\$5,368)	(\$42,052)	3.0
2024	(\$164,143)	(\$2,079)	(\$16,283)	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 provides a date and time stamp and an author for every entry in a child's case file.

The bill would require the agency to prohibit modification or deletion of information in a case file, but allow the addition of new information.

The bill would require the descriptive and technical metadata for case file information to be in a format that allows a user to understand the date, time, and author of information added to the case file.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

## **Methodology**

The analysis assumes that DFPS would require a Project Manager from fiscal year 2020 to 2024. It assumes 5.0 additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) for staff augmentation would be required in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and 2.0 additional FTEs in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 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 \$1,310,714 in All Funds in 2020, \$1,504,850 in All Funds in 2021, \$468,341 in All Funds in 2022, \$471,328 in All Funds in 2023, and 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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