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TO: Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2308 by Gates (Relating to procedures in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2308, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$4,632,764) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

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:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2022	(\$2,550,160)
2023	(\$2,082,604)
2024	(\$2,087,889)
2025	(\$2,093,325)
2026	(\$2,098,940)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758	Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds 555	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$2,522,136)	(\$28,024)	(\$252,214)	33.0
2023	(\$2,059,718)	(\$22,886)	(\$205,972)	33.0
2024	(\$2,064,945)	(\$22,944)	(\$206,495)	33.0
2025	(\$2,070,321)	(\$23,004)	(\$207,032)	33.0
2026	(\$2,075,875)	(\$23,065)	(\$207,587)	33.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to place a child with a relative or other caregiver within 48 hours of taking possession of the child as long as the placement is safe and available.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that 21.0 Investigator Caseworker Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) and 12.0 related staff

FTEs would be required to place a child with a caregiver or other designated caregiver within 48.0 hours. This requirement would shorten the timeframe to place children and shorten the time DFPS would have to perform background checks, criminal history checks, evaluations of the proposed caregivers and complete a home study required prior to the full adversary hearing, which must be held 14.0 days within the date of the removal.

This analysis assumes that to complete the necessary work, 4.0 additional hours of casework time would be needed for approximately 8,093.0 removals, based on fiscal year 2020 data. This would result in a total of 32,372 additional hours.

This analysis assumes any additional costs to DFPS to implement the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources.

Based on analysis of the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 530 Family & Protective Services

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