

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB593 by Sparks (Relating to licensing and oversight of certain facilities and homes providing substitute care for 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 SB593, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$1,025,050) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$1,025,050)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>
2024	(\$1,025,050)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to engage with an independent third party to conduct an audit of the rules, minimum standards, and contract requirements that apply to licensed child-placing agencies, residential child-care facilities, foster homes, kinship care homes, and adoptive homes.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that HHSC would need to contract with a third party in fiscal year 2024 to conduct the audit.

It is assumed that to review the minimum standards and regulation standards within the 12 month timeline, the cost is estimated to be \$950 per page for a total of \$900,000. This analysis also assumes the review of statues would cost \$100,050 and that the independent contract may need to travel, therefore \$25,000 is assumed for travel. These costs align with other audits that have been conducted.

It is assumed any costs to the Department of Family and Protective Services could be absorbed within existing resources.

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
LBB Staff: JMc, NPe, ER, AN, NV