

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 5, 2023**

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

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB2009** by Sparks (relating to access to certain information in the adoption process.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB2009, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$1,070,159) 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>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2024	(\$546,668)
2025	(\$523,491)
2026	(\$525,510)
2027	(\$527,587)
2028	(\$529,726)

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

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Probable (Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758</b>	<b>Probable (Cost) from Federal Funds 555</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</b>
2024	(\$540,661)	(\$6,007)	(\$54,066)	7.0
2025	(\$517,738)	(\$5,753)	(\$51,774)	7.0
2026	(\$519,735)	(\$5,775)	(\$51,973)	7.0
2027	(\$521,789)	(\$5,798)	(\$52,179)	7.0
2028	(\$523,905)	(\$5,821)	(\$52,391)	7.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to ensure each licensed child-placing agency, single source continuum contractor, and other person placing a child for adoption receives a copy of any portion of the report no later than 30 days after the date of the child's permanency plan is changed to include adoption. The bill would also require DFPS to redact the social security number, and edit records and information to protect certain individuals, prior to releasing a requested record.

## **Methodology**

According to DFPS, currently the agency has 45.0 days from the date that all parental rights are terminated to complete the initial report, the bill would shorten the timeline to 30 days. DFPS indicated that it takes the agency approximately 7.5 hours to complete each adoption record request and that the agency received 4,027 adoption records in fiscal year 2022. To meet the 30 day timeframe, this analysis assumes the need of 1.0 Records Analyst I Fulltime Equivalent (FTE), and 6.0 Records Analyst II FTEs to complete the intake, research, gathering of information and redaction of case records.

## **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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