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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4546 As amended by the House of Representatives on April 26, 2016  
**Author:** Putnam  
**Subject:** Definitions in Children’s Code  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Fulmer, Gardner, and Kokolis  
**Impact Date:** May 2, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill as amended would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Explanation of Amendment by the House of Representatives on April 26, 2016**

**State Expenditure**

This bill requires family courts to consider recommendations of the Department of Social Services, the local Foster Care Review Board, and Guardian Ad Litem before approving a placement plan. It also requires the Department of Social Services to make efforts to normalize the lives of children in foster care by enabling participation in age-appropriate activities and adopt appropriate policies and procedures. This bill also allows the Foster Care Review Board to participate in child abuse and neglect proceedings to include the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses and to present its recommendation to the court.

**The Department of Social Services.** The department indicates that this bill could increase the number of hearings that could result in a small increase in expenditures that could be absorbed within current appropriations.

**The Judicial Department.** The department anticipates no impact on General Fund expenditures, but any impact would be absorbed within current appropriations.

**Department of Administration (Foster Care Review Board and Guardian Ad-Litem).** The department estimates no expenditure impact for complying with the provisions of this bill.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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