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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Undetermined	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The expenditure impact of this bill on the General Fund for the Department of Social Services (DSS) is undetermined. This bill will have no expenditure impact on Other Funds or Federal Funds for DSS.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires DSS to establish a program to pay the costs of a driver’s education program, driver’s license fee, motor vehicle insurance, and any other costs associated with becoming legally authorized to drive a motor vehicle, for a child fifteen to eighteen years of age who resides in out-of-home care pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 63. The program is dependent upon available funding, and payments must be made to eligible recipients in the order of eligibility until program funds have been exhausted. DSS must contract with a nonprofit entity to develop procedures for operating and administering the program. The bill also makes changes as to who may sign the application for a beginner’s permit, instruction permit, or driver’s license of an unemancipated minor. In addition to the minor’s parent and guardian, caregivers, as defined in Section 63-7-20, or an adult who has assumed the role or responsibility of a parent or guardian for the minor may sign the application. Also, the bill removes liability against the caregiver who signed the application for any negligence or willful misconduct of the minor when driving a motor vehicle, if the minor is protected by a liability insurance policy in the statutorily required form and policy limits. Additionally, the bill adds that a caregiver is not liable for harm caused

to or by a child in foster care who participates in an activity to the extent the caregiver acted in accordance with the reasonable parent standard pursuant to Sections 63-7-20 and 63-7-25.

Department of Motor Vehicles. This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the department's licensing operations will not change.

Department of Social Services. DSS indicates that they currently have 899 children ages 15 to 18 in their care. Federal Chafee funds exist and are currently used to pay for driver's education courses, driver's permit and license fees, and limited insurance costs upon request. However, the bill requires the department to provide funds for foster families to add a foster child to their insurance policy or otherwise provide insurance for the foster child. DSS estimates the cost of insurance at \$1,800 annually per child and assumes a 50 percent to 75 percent participation rate by children in DSS care. General Fund expenses for this portion of the bill are estimated at \$809,100 to \$1,213,650. Federal Chafee funds are limited and could not be used to offset the increase in expenses. Additionally, the bill requires the department to pay other costs associated with becoming legally authorized to drive. DSS indicates that due to the specific language in the bill, they could be responsible for covering the costs for a wide array of driving related programs and services and cannot provide an expenditure estimate on this portion of the bill. Further, DSS estimates expenses of \$100,000 to contract with a non-profit entity to develop procedures for operating and administering the program. In summary, the expenditure impact on the General Fund is undetermined. This bill will have no expenditure impact on Other Funds or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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