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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3898 Introduced on March 7, 2017
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$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 would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds to add biological grandparents and biological siblings to the list of relatives that may voluntarily access or disclose nonidentifying and identifying information on adoptions.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill adds biological grandparents and biological siblings to the list of relatives that an adoption agency may furnish nonidentifying information. Nonidentifying information includes health and medical histories on the biological parents, grandparents, siblings, or the adoptee, general family background, and the length of time the adoptee has been in the care of the adoptive parent. Disclosure of nonidentifying information is at the sole discretion of the chief executive of the adoption agency when the information would serve the best interests of the persons concerned.

Additionally, the bill adds biological grandparents and biological siblings to the list of relatives that may access or disclose identifying information upon voluntarily filing affidavits agreeing to the disclosure of identities. An adoption agency shall release the identifying information only to the adoptees or relatives who have provided a voluntary affidavit allowing disclosure of identifying information.

The Department of Social Services indicates that adding biological grandparents and biological siblings to the list of relatives that may voluntarily file affidavits maintained in a confidential registry would not materially affect the department's administrative activities regarding the release of identifying information. Therefore, the bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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