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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S.0221	Introduced on January 12, 2021
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Subject:	Extension of Foster Care	
Requestor:	Senate Family and Veterans Services	
RFA Analyst(s):	Payne and Gardner	
Impact Date:	February 16, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase the General Fund expenditures of DSS by \$7,145,388 and Federal Funds expenditures by \$4,783,313, for a total of \$11,928,701 by FY 2023-24 to extend foster care programs for individuals under the age of twenty-one who are, or were, in the legal custody of DSS on their eighteenth birthday. This estimate includes funds to provide an additional 33 FTEs, upgrades and maintenance to their Child Welfare Information System (CAPPS), and to provide direct client payments to eligible individuals. DSS estimates the provisions of this bill will not be fully implemented until FY 2023-24 as more foster children reach the age of eighteen and become eligible for this program. Additional information regarding the estimated impact has been requested from DSS. This impact will be updated once the information is available.

The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Judicial Department and the Administrative Law Court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill establishes the procedures for an extended foster care program for individuals under the age of twenty-one who are, or were, in the legal custody of DSS on their eighteenth birthday. To be eligible, an individual must also be enrolled in a post-secondary, vocational, or employment barrier educational program, employed at least eighty hours a week, or incapable of performing one of these activities due to a physical, intellectual, emotional, or psychiatric condition that limits participation. An individual who wishes to participate in the foster care extension program may authorize such in writing with DSS prior to their eighteenth birthday, at which time the department shall begin the process to have the placement approved by the family court.

DSS indicates they will require an additional 33 FTEs to perform the duties enumerated in this bill. Of the thirty-three total FTEs, 21 will be case managers, 4 will be case aides, 4 will be case manager supervisors, 1 program coordinator, 1 administrative review coordinator, 1 Title IV-E eligibility coordinator, and 1 trainer. DSS estimates these additional FTEs will increase the agency's expenditures by a total of \$1,331,136, of which \$1,005,894 will be General Fund expenditures, and \$325,242 will be Federal Funds expenditures. Additionally, DSS anticipates

they will require modifications to their CAPPs system and ongoing maintenance to comply with the provisions of this bill. DSS estimates these modifications and ongoing maintenance activities will increase expenditures \$15,000 annually by FY 2023-24, which is when the extended foster care program is expected to be fully implemented. DSS indicates these system expenditures would be funded with \$12,000 from the General Fund, and \$3,000 from Federal Funds. Additionally, DSS estimates this bill will increase their annual expenditures by a total of \$10,582,565 to provide direct client payments to eligible individuals. Of this total expenditure increase for payments, DSS estimates \$6,127,494 will be General Fund expenditures, and \$4,455,071 will be Federal Funds expenditures. Therefore, bill is expected to increase General Fund expenditures by \$7,145,388 and Federal Funds expenditures by \$4,783,313, for a total of \$11,928,701 by FY 2023-when it is expected the provisions of this bill will be fully implemented. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office has requested further information regarding these estimates and will update the impact statement once it is available.

Judicial Department. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the department.

Administrative Law Court. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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