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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3553    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** G.M. Smith  
**Subject:** Adoption  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** March 28, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

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### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

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##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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