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Bill Number: H. 3554 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Adoption Investigation Reports
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: March 28, 2023

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 and Revenue

N/A

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