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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 644** SLS 10RS 870  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Interstate Commission for the Placement of Children		

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 Provides for the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. (see Act)

Proposed law repeals the current Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), Children's Code Articles 1608 through 1622. Proposed law enacts the new ICPC, Children's Code Articles 1623 through 1643.

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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The requirements of this legislation is anticipated to result in a maximum dues increase of \$9,000 in expenditures based on the likely allocation of costs to Louisiana in future fiscal years; however, according to the Department of Social Services, these costs can be absorbed within their budget. Presently, the department currently participates in the existing Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC). This legislation provides for the enactment of a new ICPC that replace the existing ICPC. The ICPC is statutory law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands and is a binding contract between its 52 members. The current ICPC was drafted in 1960. The ICPC establishes uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children. The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) was established in 1974 and has authority under ICPC to for administration of the compact. In 2006, a new ICPC was finalized. The new ICPC ensures the timely placement of children across state lines and avoids unnecessary delays in both adoption and foster care placements. The new ICPC must be enacted by at least 35 states before the current ICPC become null and void. Based on information from AAICPC, only 10 states have passed laws enacting the new ICPC (AK, NE, OK, MN, MO, IN, OH, FL, ME, DE).

**Dues Allocation Per State**

Currently, the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services (OCS) expends \$5,000 of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds annually on ICPC fees. OCS has \$22.2 million in SSBG funds appropriated in FY 11. The proposed legislation authorizes the department to participate along with other member states in financing of the new ICPC's operating budget and staffing needs through dues allocation. Actual costs per state is unknown until the compact is enacted by at least 35 states and the Interstate Commission, by vote of member states, has adopted an equitable assessment structure. Based on information obtained from AAICPC, assuming participation by a minimum of 35 states and a maximum of the existing 54 jurisdictions and an annual ICPC budget of \$500,000, the additional cost per state for funding the ICPC is between \$9,000 - \$14,000. The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates a maximum net increase of \$9,000 (\$14,000 - \$5,000 current expenditures) in SSBG Federal funds for annual ICPC dues based on the participation by a minimum of 35 states. According to the department, any increase in expenses associated with the new ICPC will be absorbed within their SSBG appropriation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House  
 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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