

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 462** SLS 26RS 1433

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Department of Children and Family Services		Analyst: John McKay
Subject: Child Welfare		

CHILDREN OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to child welfare. (8/1/26)

Proposed law authorizes DCFS to consider an employee hired on or after 7/01/10, who graduated from a Council on Social Work Education accredited social work program certifying completion of coursework and demonstrated competency in the core areas of effective child welfare practice, including successful completion of a child welfare specific internship, as having met the thirty-two hour training requirement, whereas they were previously automatically deemed to have met the thirty-two hour training requirement. Proposed law removes the option to report suspected abuse or neglect in person at a child welfare office. Removes the requirement that a mandatory reporter submit a written report within five days via the online Mandated Reporter Portal, by mail to the department's centralized intake unit at the address listed on the department's website, or, if necessary, to the local law enforcement agency, when the initial report was made orally.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

Proposed law authorizes that DCFS may consider an employee hired on or after 7/01/10, who graduated from a Council on Social Work Education accredited social work program certifying completion of coursework and demonstrated competency in the core areas of effective child welfare practice, including successful completion of a child welfare specific internship, as having met the thirty-two hours of training requirement. Under present law, these individuals were deemed to have met the thirty-two hours of training requirement. The LFO interprets the language to provide that DCFS, at its discretion, may require those employees to complete the full thirty-two hours of training irrespective of credentials.


Proposed law removes the option to report suspected abuse or neglect in person at a child welfare office. Removes the requirement that a mandatory reporter submit a written report within five days via the online Mandated Reporter Portal, by mail to the department's centralized intake unit at the address listed on the department's website, or, if necessary, to the local law enforcement agency, when the initial report was made orally.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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