

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 245** SLS 15RS 530

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Children & Family Services		<b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas
<b>Subject:</b> Normalcy of Foster Care Children		

CHILDREN EG +\$3,080 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for the reasonable and prudent parent standard and for certain considerations in foster care case plans and licensing requirements. (gov siq)

Under current law, every child in foster care has a case plan that promotes the health and safety of the child. Proposed law adds that the case plan must include a plan for assuring that the child is afforded the greatest opportunity for normalcy through age or developmentally appropriate activities. Proposed law provides that the foster child shall be consulted in an age-appropriate manner in regards to these activities. Proposed law defines "age or developmentally appropriate" and "reasonable and prudent parent standard" as well as specific criteria to use in determining if a foster child can participate in age or developmentally appropriate activities. Proposed law provides that a foster child's caretaker use the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the proposed law. Proposed law adds the training topic on reasonable and prudent parent standard for participation of the foster child in age or developmentally appropriate activities to the foster care training program approved by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Proposed law does not apply to the parental rights of a parent of a child.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$3,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$3,080</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$9,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$9,240</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$12,320</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,320</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to provide training to foster caregivers regarding the participation of foster children in certain activities and is projected to cost \$12,320 (\$3,080 SGF and \$9,240 Federal funds) for FY 16. This proposed legislation requires the DCFS to develop the "reasonable and prudent parent standard" curricula as well as train all current and new foster caregivers to insure their decision making is in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard. The development of the reasonable and prudent parent standard curricula is projected to be a one-time cost of \$12,320. The department will contract with a training vendor to develop the training at a cost of \$70 per hour for 176 hours. Once the curricula is developed, the department will provide computer based training at no additional cost to 1,014 child welfare staff and approximately 2,500 foster caregivers.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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