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Provides for supervised visitation during child abuse investigations

When child abuse is reported, present law requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Child Protection Investigation (CPI) division to investigate the nature, extent, and cause of abuse or neglect and determine the person responsible for the abuse or neglect. Present law requires that DCFS perform preliminary investigations of all child abuse or neglect reports of high and intermediate levels of risk. Proposed law requires that visitation shall be supervised during the preliminary investigation if the parent or caretaker has abused the child.

EXPENDITURES	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	$1,053,137	$1,305,692	$1,305,692	$1,305,692	$1,305,692	**$6,275,905**
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	**$1,053,137**	**$1,305,692**	**$1,305,692**	**$1,305,692**	**$1,305,692**	**$6,275,905**

REVENUES	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
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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**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The legislation is anticipated to increase expenditures by $1,053,137 SGF in FY 12 as the result of adding 19 new positions to provide supervised visitations until the preliminary investigation of high and intermediate levels of child abuse reports is completed. According to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) there are 16,650 cases of child abuse and neglect cases per year that are considered intermediate or high risk. This proposed legislation requires that DCFS provide supervised visitation to all 16,650 cases. To implement this proposed legislation, DCFS would have to increase staff in the Child Protection Investigation (CPI) division.

In order to provide supervised visitation to all 16,650 cases, CPI staff would need to secure written court orders, present to visiting parents as well as monitor compliance with court orders to ensure the safety of the children. According to the department, this will require a minimum of 2 hours of additional workload per case and results in an annual workload impact of 33,300 additional case hours (2 hours x 16,650 cases). DCFS estimates 16 additional Child Welfare Specialist 2 (CWS 2) in the CPI division: 33,300 case hrs per year / 40 hr workweek = 832 case hours per person / 52 weeks per year = 16 Child Welfare Spec 2 positions

DCFS maintains a 1:5 supervisor/worker staffing ratio in the CPI division. Therefore, this legislation would require 3 additional supervisors positions (Child Welfare Specialist 4) to supervisors the 16 CWS 2 positions. In addition, one-time expenses include $25,000 to train all CPI front-line staff and supervisors (356 staff statewide), $117,059 of supplies and operating cost and $46,493 in equipment for the additional 19 positions.

	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16
16 positions - CWS 2	$544,781	$726,374	$726,374	$726,374	$726,374
3 positions - CWS 4	$125,129	$166,838	$166,838	$166,838	$166,838
Related Benefits	$194,675	$259,568	$259,568	$259,568	$259,568
Operating Services	$117,059	$152,912	$152,912	$152,912	$152,912
Training (one-time)	$25,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
Equipment (one-time)	$46,493	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	$1,053,137	$1,305,692	$1,305,692	$1,305,692	$1,305,692

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Dual Referral Rules

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- [x] 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
- [ ] 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House:
- [x] 6.8(F)1 >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
  6.8(F)2 >= $100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}
- [ ] 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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