

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 03/15/2017
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: California Youth Connection; Youth Law Center

BILL NUMBER: AB 507
AUTHOR: Rubio, Blanca

BILL SUMMARY: Resource families: preapproval training and annual training.

This bill requires county child welfare agencies to develop an annual training plan for approved resource families, in collaboration with the child and family team, based on the specific case plans, goals, and needs of the foster youth placed in the home.

FISCAL SUMMARY

By expanding the required elements of training plans and revisions, in specified situations, this bill imposes potentially significant costs on counties. An estimate of the fiscal impact of this bill is currently unavailable.

The responsibility for foster care was realigned to counties in 2011. To the extent new state requirements contribute to overall increased county costs for the program, the state would be responsible for the non-federal share of the cost increase.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to this bill because it would impose a higher level of service on counties that will have an overall effect of increasing General Fund costs above the level included in the Administration's current fiscal plan.

Because this bill imposes an overall increase in costs for a program realigned to counties in 2011, the state would be responsible for the non-federal share of those costs. Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution on (Proposition 30) outlined the process for funding local agencies when changes to a realigned program are enacted by the Legislature.

According to the author's office, resource families need appropriate and relevant information and support to provide the children in their homes with the best possible care. The author's office contends this bill will ensure that both foster youth and resource families receive relevant training by having the placing agency create an annual training plan that is youth-centered and specific to the goals and wellness of the placed youth.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)					Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)						
	CO	PROP						
	RV	98	FC	2016-2017	FC	2017-2018	FC	2018-2019
5180/Social Svcs	LA	No	C	13,000	C	13,000	C	13,000 0001
5196/St-LC 2011	LA	No	C	0	C	0	C	0 0001