

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill requires that the Department of Health and Human Services child welfare caseloads cannot exceed national caseload standards by more than two cases. The annual caseload report to the Legislature shall include information private entities contracting with the state. Failure to issue the required report would result in the unpaid suspension of the chief executive officer.

The last comparison to Child Welfare League of America standards showed that when the state handled all case management functions over 60 additional workers and supervisors would be needed to stay within two cases of the national standards. Currently, the state contracts with two private agencies in the Eastern and Southeastern Services Areas for case management. The Department of Health and Human Services indicates that those entities are more closely aligned with the national standards. For the balance of the state, the state handles case management. Assuming the caseloads in these service areas are similar to the 2009 comparison, then approximately 20 additional staff would be needed. The cost would be approximately \$1,320,000 (\$660,000 GF and FF).

No savings are assumed for the unpaid suspension of the chief executive officer, as it is assumed the required reports would be filed.