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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7206

BILL NUMBER: HB 1536

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 13, 2021

BILL AMENDED: Mar 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Department of Child Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. DeVon

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Grooms

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that if the Governor declares a state of disaster emergency, the Department of Child Services (DCS) may: (1) allow older youth who are receiving collaborative care services at the time of the declaration to continue to receive collaborative care services for the duration of the state of disaster emergency; and (2) modify or suspend enforcement of a statute or rule specifying a time within which a foster parent must provide for a child to be examined by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse after the child's placement in the foster parent's home.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill codifies actions taken by the DCS under executive orders in the current public health emergency to reduce workload in future statewide disaster emergencies. In the time of emergency, the DCS may incur additional costs for collaborative care as older youth remain in the program longer. Otherwise, the bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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