

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB717-H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Filler-Corn

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Unaccompanied homeless youths; services; consent.

5. **Summary:** Provides that an unaccompanied homeless youth shall be deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to housing, including emergency shelter, and other services and establishes requirements for providers of housing, including emergency shelter, and other services for unaccompanied homeless youths. The bill directs the Board of Social Services to adopt regulations for implementation of the bill.

Additionally, the second enactment clause directs the Department of Social Services to establish a work group composed of at least one local education agency liaison for homeless children and youth designated pursuant to federal law, one attorney who represents unaccompanied homeless youths, two providers of housing and other services for unaccompanied homeless youths, and three individuals who are or have been unaccompanied homeless youths to make recommendations to the Board regarding such regulations.

The third enactment clause directs the workgroup established by the second enactment clause to develop recommendations regarding authorizing unaccompanied homeless youths to consent to medical care. It directs the Department to report the recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2022.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	517,276	1	General fund
2024	100,113	1	General fund
2025	100,113	1	General fund
2026	100,113	1	General fund
2027	100,113	1	General fund
2028	100,113	1	General fund
2029	100,113	1	General fund

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to adopt regulations, implement provisions, and establish a work group to make recommendations regarding unaccompanied homeless youths. This bill would also require persons and/or organizations that serve homeless youth to register with DSS and obtain consent to services from the unaccompanied homeless youth.

One additional employee, a Licensing Inspector, will be needed to develop and maintain the registration process required by this bill for agencies interacting with unaccompanied homeless youths. The cost for one inspector is estimated to be \$105,276 general fund in fiscal year (FY) 2023 and \$100,113 general fund in FY 2024 and each year thereafter. Staff costs include salary, benefits, non-personal costs (such as phone and computer charges), as well as a one-time on-boarding cost of \$5,163 in the first year.

Additionally, modifications to the DSS licensing information system are necessary in order to enter and track registrations to determine compliance with the requirements of this legislation. Information system enhancements would include the modification/creation of approximately eight screens to capture the information on persons and/or organizations providing services to homeless youth and basic information on the youths being served by the agency. It would also include reports to track the youths' information, agency dashboards, and approximately four new alerts/notifications/task triggers. This would result in a one-time cost estimated to be \$412,000 general fund in FY 2023.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** None