

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB717-S1

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

2. **Patron:** Filler-Corn

3. **Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

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:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The substitute legislation requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to adopt regulations and establish a work group to make recommendations regarding unaccompanied homeless youths. Because the substitute removes the requirement that persons and/or organizations that serve homeless youth register with DSS, there is no fiscal impact.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None