

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 1854

Patron: Arnold

Bill Title: Restoration of parental rights

Bill Summary: The proposed legislation allows a court to accept a petition for the restoration of parental rights involving a child who is at least 16 years of age whose permanency goal has previously been achieved by adoption if (i) an adoptive parent of such child dies or seeks relief of custody, (ii) the parent whose rights previously had been terminated complied with the terms of any written post-adoption contact and communication agreement entered into, (iii) the parent whose rights are to be reinstated consents to the restoration of the parental rights, and (iv) the parent whose rights are to be reinstated has maintained a positive, continuous relationship with the child since termination.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact has been determined at this time.

Fiscal Analysis: The legislation does not appear to have any fiscal impact to the operations of the Department of Social Services and local departments of social services. Should any fiscal impact on courts be determined, this statement will be updated.

Other: None