

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB 818 S1

Patron: Favola

Bill Title: Children in foster care; federal benefits, notice of eligibility

Bill Summary: The substitute bill directs that if a local department of social services (LDSS) serves as the representative payee for a child receiving certain federal benefits, the local department must provide written notice by certified mail that it is acting as the child's representative payee within 30 days after receiving the first benefit payment. This notification must be provided to (i) the child, in an age-appropriate manner, if the child is 12 years of age or older; (ii) the child's parent, prior guardian, or prior custodian, or, if there is no legal parent or prior guardian or custodian, the child's next of kin; (iii) any guardian ad litem; and (iv) any appointed counsel.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Social Services estimates that it will take less than 30 mins per youth to send the required notifications, ensure that they were delivered, and properly document the case record. Further, it is assumed that LDSS would be sending out approximately 541 notices in the first year and 240 each year thereafter. Based on these assumptions, the proposal is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact on LDSSs and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: None