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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6695
BILL NUMBER: HB 1085

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2009
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Disposition of Certain Children in Need of Services (CHINS).

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Avery
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or to preserve a child's family are not required with respect to a child who has been adjudicated a child in need of services (CHINS), if the court finds that the child has, on three separate occasions, been adjudicated a child in need of services because of an act or omission by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill, the Department of Child Services (DCS) employees would not be required to exercise reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian if the child has been adjudicated a CHINS on three separate occasions by an act of omission by the parent, guardian, or custodian. This bill may increase the number of CHINS in state care (and state expenditures) if DCS is no longer required to use reasonable efforts to reunify a CHINS with a parent, guardian, or custodian.

The number of CHINS in the state who have been adjudicated a CHINS on three separate occasions as a result of an act or omission by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian is indeterminable. However, the number of cases affected by this bill are expected to be minimal.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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