



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

HOUSE BILL: 1907

PRINTER'S NO: 2860

PRIME SPONSOR: Murphy

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1907 amends Part III of Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to provide for the disposition of adoption agency records if an adoption agency closes.

Section 2911 is amended to provide that:

- An adoption agency must notify the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) of its intentions to cease operations at least 30 days prior to closing.
- An adoption agency must submit a plan, for department approval, relating to closure and transfer case records to another agency within the 30 days prior to closing.
- An agency must label any transferred records to identify the court that finalized an adoption or where a petition to terminate parental rights or to adopt has been filed.
- Within 30 days after DPW approval, the department will notify the court of the closure, along with relevant contact information regarding the closure and transfer of records.

The act shall take effect in 180 days.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Department of Public Welfare does not anticipate any additional costs to the Commonwealth regarding the enactment of House Bill 1907.

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