



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 27

PRINTERS NO. 2369

PRIME SPONSOR: Mensch

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 27, Printer's Number 2369, amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to provide for the exchange of medical information between a certified medical practitioner and a county Children and Youth Services agency in an investigation of a case of suspected child abuse or neglect and in circumstances which negatively affect the medical health of the child. This legislation is effective December 31, 2014.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires a certified medical practitioner to provide the county Children and Youth Services agency with the following information, in a timely manner, when an assessment for general protective services or a child abuse investigation is being conducted: relevant medical information known regarding the child's current and prior health; information from a subsequent exam; information regarding treatment of the child; and relevant medical information known about any other child in the child's household that may contribute to the assessment, investigation or provision of services to the child or other children in the household. Parental consent is not required for the medical practitioner to provide the information.

If requested by the certified medical practitioner providing medical care to the child, the county Children and Youth Services agency, must provide the following information as it relates to circumstances which negatively affect the medical health of the child: the final status of any assessment of general protective services or an investigation of child abuse, if the report is indicated or founded; information on an unfounded report of child abuse if the practitioner made the report as a mandated reporter; any service provided, arranged for or to be provided by the county agency; and the identity of other certified medical practitioners providing medical care to the child to obtain the child's medical records in order to allow for coordination of care between medical practitioners.

The county Children and Youth Services agency must notify the certified medical practitioner who is the child's primary care provider, if known, of the following information in circumstances which negatively affect the medical health of the child: the final status of any assessment of general protective services or an investigation of child abuse, if the report is

indicated or founded; information on an unfounded report of child abuse if the practitioner made the report as a mandated reporter; any service provided, arranged for or to be provided by the county agency.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Public Welfare does not anticipate an increase in costs for County Children and Youth agencies related to the exchange of information with certified medical practitioners that cannot be absorbed within current funding.

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DATE: October 8, 2014

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.