



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2552

PRINTERS NO. 3836

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$3,652,000	\$5,478,000

SUMMARY: House Bill 2552, Printer's Number 3836, the Pandemic Assistance for Transition-age Foster Youth Act, provides for continued housing and services for youths who age out of the foster care system between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. This legislation is effective immediately and expires December 31, 2020.

ANALYSIS: This legislation, provides for the continuation of housing, case management, and other services for youths who age out of the foster care system between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Services may be resumed for individuals who aged out between March 1, 2020 and the effective date of the legislation. Available services remain the same as when the affected youth was in the foster care program, and individuals participating in this temporary program will no longer be legally considered "dependent," in the legal custody of the county under court supervision.

County agencies must notify eligible youth of the availability of continued services and provide the Department of Human Services (DHS) with a list of all youths who are eligible, which individuals have elected to continue to receive housing and other services, and which individuals have declined to receive further services. County agencies shall develop a transition plan for individuals prior to the termination of temporary services.

Within seven days of the effective date, DHS, through the Office of Budget, must submit a budget request to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives that provides an estimate of the amount of money needed and the source of funding, including any available funding from the Federal Government. The amount of a grant received by a county agency shall not affect the eligibility of or amount awarded to the county agency under any needs-based grant and budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to DHS, it would cost approximately \$3.652 million in state funds to continue services through June 30, 2020 for youths who age out of the foster care system and an estimated \$5.478 million in state funds to provide services from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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