

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2429

PRINTER'S NO. 3594

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

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PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Samuelson

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

HB 2429 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) Chapter 63, known as the Juvenile Act, to provide for disposition of a dependent child.

The legislation would require the county children and youth agency to provide notice to adult grandparents and other adult relatives of an order of disposition transferring temporary legal custody of a child to the agency. This notice must be provided within 30 days of the child's removal from the child's home. The agency is to exercise due diligence to identify and notify the child's adult grandparents and other adult relatives, subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence. As part of the notice, the county agency is to explain options under state and federal law to participate in the care and placement of the child, including becoming a foster parent, permanent legal custodian, adoptive resource or individual who will participate in the child's planning and other activities. A court will determine if this requirement has been met at each permanency hearing.

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FISCAL NOTE

The term "adult relative" is defined to mean an individual who is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the parent or stepparent of a child and is at least 21 years of age.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Children, Youth and Families in the Department of Public Welfare has reported that county agencies are required under current practice to perform the duties required in the bill. Therefore, no additional costs are anticipated as a result of this legislation.