

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2719**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Human Services to establish and administer program to provide moneys for third-party child care for child in foster home.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

HB 2719 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish and administer a program to distribute money for childcare for children who live in foster homes. Children are eligible for childcare funding under this measure if they are under the age of 13, or if they are under the age of 18 and have special needs or disabilities that require a greater level of care. The person who maintains the foster home may apply to DHS for childcare funding, and funding distributions are to be made directly to the childcare provider.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate, because the programmatic and budgetary scope of this program is undefined. Further legislative direction is needed in order to provide a more complete fiscal impact analysis, such as how much funding is intended to be available for this program, the source of funding for the program, the amount available per child, or if there are any specific types of childcare meant to be covered by this measure.

DHS currently provides foster parents and relative caregivers childcare reimbursement of up to \$375 per a month for each child up to 12 years of age. It is not clear from the text of this measure if DHS is able to use this existing program infrastructure to distribute the childcare payments envisioned by this bill, or if a new program is required to be set up. Setting up a new program could increase the costs to implement this measure, as a new program could require additional staff, rulemaking, and modifications to agency IT systems, among other potential expenditures.

This measure is referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.