

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 745 - 3

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: March 28, 2019**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Human Services to conduct annual in-person case planning with ward 14 years of age or older during which department informs ward that ward is eligible for transition services and provides ward with assistance in applying for transition services, if applicable.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	338,640	353,364
Services and Supplies	78,847	81,251
Special Payments	8,082,513	8,082,513
Total Funds	\$8,500,000	\$8,517,128
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.92	2.00

Analysis:

SB 745 with the -3 amendment appropriates \$8,500,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide services to help youth transition to adulthood and independent living. The bill requires case planning for wards, including annual in-person meetings with the ward during which DHS informs the ward that the ward is eligible for transition services and provides the ward with assistance in accessing transition services.

DHS estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$8,500,000 General Fund and 2 positions (1.92 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium; and \$8,517,128 General Fund and 2 positions (2.00 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. Personal Services and related services and supplies reflect the cost of two Program Analyst 2 positions to help coordinate expanded services and provide support to caseworkers, including serving as a Young Adult Transitions Navigator to help guide youth transitioning to adulthood and independent living. Special Payments will cover service expansion including:

- Increasing monthly service rates from \$200 to \$300 per month per youth to stabilize current programs and to increase solicitation opportunities for additional programs. The current rate is too low to attract new contractors.
- Expanding services to begin serving 14 – 15-year-olds and 21 – 23-year-olds. Currently services are limited to 16 – 20-year-olds. This expansion adds 593 youth and young adults to those being served.
- Increasing the comprehensiveness, linguistic appropriateness, and cultural agility of services and supports.

- Providing an “800” number for young adults (ages 18 – 23) to call when in need of support services. Staff for the Young Adult Transitions Navigator line will be well versed in adult support services and have access to interpreter and translation services when necessary.
- Developing transitional housing for young adults, serving about 95 youth.

The DHS 2019-21 Governor's Budget includes \$8,500,000 General Fund and 2 positions (1.92 FTE) for this expansion of youth transition services.