

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 832 - A

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Measure Description:

Declares purpose of Critical Incident Review Teams.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 832 modifies the Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) process that the Department of Human Services (DHS) uses in response to a fatality that is a result of child abuse. These changes include specifying a timeframe for assigning a CIRT; the bill stipulates that DHS must assign a Critical Incident Review Team ten days after the department becomes aware of a fatality or seven days after the department initiates an investigation into the nature and cause of a fatality. The measure declares the purpose of the Critical Incident Review Teams and requires each CIRT to submit a detailed, written final report to the Department of Human Services (DHS) no later than the 100th day following the date the department assigned the team. The measure prescribes the information that must be included in this report. In addition, the measure requires DHS to post certain information regarding the critical incident on its website.

The preliminary fiscal estimate from DHS projects a need of \$604,344 total funds and two positions (2.00 FTE) per biennium. However, this estimate is based on current CIRT workload related primarily to an increase in volume that has prompted the agency to reassign three Child Safety Field Consultants to perform the CIRT coordinating and review work.

Additional analysis of the agency’s current workload and the bill’s fiscal impact is needed in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to isolate workload issues related to the current increase in volume from process changes under this bill.