

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 1/27/2014

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| LRB Number | 13-3027/4 | Introduction Number | AB-0674 | Estimate Type | Original |
| Description Placement of a child in a shelter care facility under a voluntary agreement | | | | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows a person licensed to operate a shelter care facility to request the Department to permit the shelter care facility to be used for voluntary placements of non-court-involved individuals. The Department may approve the request based on the needs of the children in the area and the services provided by the shelter care facility. The bill permits a child's parent, guardian, Indian custodian, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Corrections, a county department of human or services, or a child welfare agency licensed to place children in shelter care facilities to place or arrange for the placement of a child in a shelter care facility that DCF has approved for voluntary placements for not more than 20 days under a voluntary agreement.

The Department will incur some staff costs associated with reviewing the requests to use a shelter care facility for voluntary placements, but those costs are expected to be relatively small and can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill provides counties another option for the placement of non-court-involved children. As a result, it should not result in any additional costs to the county.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications