



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	19-4729/1	Introduction Number	SB-532	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> the rights of a foster parent or other physical custodian of a child on removal of the child from the person's home					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill expands the rights of a foster parent or other physical custodian in connection with a change-in-placement proceeding. Specifically, the bill provides that, if a hearing is held and the change in placement would remove the child from a foster home or from the home of another physical custodian in which the child has been placed for six months or more, the foster parent or other physical custodian is a party to the proceeding and, as a party, has the right to be represented by counsel, to inspect and copy, through counsel, all records relating to the child, to request that the child be examined or assessed by an expert of the foster parent's, treatment foster parent's, or other physical custodian's own choosing, to present evidence, including expert testimony, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and to present alternative placement recommendations

This bill makes the rights of the head of a foster home, group home, or home of a relative other than a parent in connection with an appeal of an agency decision or order removing a child from the person's home consistent with the rights of a foster parent or other physical custodian in connection with a change-in-placement proceeding. Specifically, the bill provides that, if the head of a foster home, group home, or home of a relative other than a parent in which a child has been placed for six months or more appeals an agency decision affecting the head of the home to DCF or files a petition with the circuit court requesting the circuit court to review the agency decision or order, the head of the home is a party to the proceeding and, as a party, has the right to be represented by counsel, to inspect and copy, through counsel, all records relating to the child, to request that the child be examined or assessed by an expert of his or her own choosing, to present evidence, including expert testimony, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and to present alternative placement recommendations.

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Responsive District Attorneys did not anticipate a near-range fiscal or resource effect on their offices resulting from this legislation. District Attorneys do not have the available means to forecast the effect on any other local units of government resulting from this legislation.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Responsive District Attorneys did not anticipate a long-range fiscal or resource effect on their offices resulting from this legislation.