



Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 2/8/2024

LRB Number	23-5592/1	Introduction Number	SB-0957	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> funding methodology under the Children's Long-Term Support program					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill creates sections 46.995(2g)(c) and 46.995(2m) of the statutes to sunset the current funding methodology for the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) program after December 31, 2024, and requires the Department of Health Services, in cooperation with counties, to review county contributions and develop a revised funding methodology for the CLTS program to take effect on January 1, 2025. Under this bill, in developing a revised funding methodology, the Department is prohibited from requiring counties to maintain any level of contribution. The CLTS program is a program operating under a waiver of federal Medicaid law to provide home and community-based services to children with disabilities. Additional non-statutory provisions require the Department to report, by no later than June 1, 2024, the amount and source of moneys that may be reallocated following the implementation of the revised funding methodology.

Beginning in state fiscal year 2018, the Department began fully funding all children determined eligible for and enrolling in the CLTS program, with the goal of eliminating the program's waitlist. As part of this initiative, state statutes required those counties that previously contributed county levy dollars to expand CLTS services in their county beyond state-funded services to make ongoing maintenance of effort (MOE) contributions as specified in statute. The current statewide MOE amount is \$6,069,010.

Under the provisions of this bill, the Department would expect an annual decrease of \$6 million PR, which would increase the state's annual GPR costs in the Medicaid program by \$6 million.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**