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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR SPAC DATE TYPED 2/4/04 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Subsidized Adoption Payments SB 59 / SPACS
 ANALYST Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 59/SPACS extends the age through which adoption or permanent guardian assistance may be received when the child has significant medical or physical needs, and when, in the absence of intensive medical intervention and highly skilled care-taking, the child would be placed in an institution.

The bill states, in order to be eligible for extended subsidy payments, the child's adoptive family or permanent guardian shall first apply for federal supplemental security income that may be available. The extended subsidy payments shall be reduced by the amount of federal supplemental security income received by the child's adoptive family or permanent guardian.

The bill provides extended subsidy payments shall not be paid retroactively.

Significant Issues

The bill implements proposed changes offered by the Children, Youth and Families Department from the bill as originally introduced.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation. The increased duration of services will result in increased costs to the department. The number of children qualifying will not be large, but the cost of their needed care will be significant.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There will be a slight increase in the number of clients served through the Protective Services adoption / permanent guardian program. The department should be capable of absorbing this slight increase into existing program resources.

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