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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-19-07

SPONSOR Miera LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 64

SHORT TITLE Programs For Incarcerated Parents & Kids SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$3,200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: Senate Bill 198 “**IDENTIFY MINORS & DEPENDENTS UPON ARRESTS**”

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act; The Executive recommendation for Children, Youth and Families Department contains \$150 thousand for a contact visitation program and an additional \$75 thousand for video conference equipment for incarcerated adults and juveniles.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 64 appropriates three million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,320,000) from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department in FY 08 of which two million six hundred thousand (\$2,600,000) will be used to contract with community-based providers to work within local detention facilities to link children and their caretakers to resources and to facilitate communication and visitation between jailed and incarcerated parents and their children. Five hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$520,000) will be used to contract with four detention facilities to develop and implement contact visitation programs between jailed and incarcerated parents and their children. Two hundred thousand (\$200,000) will be used to purchase equipment to establish videoconferencing capability between Children, Youth and Families Department and Corrections Department detention facilities.

House Bill 64 appropriates three million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,320,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) split between three initiatives as follows: \$2,600,000 to contract with community-based providers to work within local detention facilities to link children and their caretakers to resources and to facilitate communication and visitation between jailed and incarcerated parents and their children; \$520,000 to contract with four detention facilities to develop and implement contact visitation programs between jailed and incarcerated parents and their children; and \$200,000 for equipment to establish videoconferencing capability between CYFD and Corrections department detention facilities.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of three million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,320,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

CYFD states that given the tasks and responsibilities needed to provide request for proposals, contract issuances and program development, it may not be possible to fully implement these programs within the fiscal year. Further, any such programs developed would need future fiscal support to maintain.

The Executive recommendation for CYFD contains \$150,000 for a contact visitation program and \$75,000 for video conference equipment for incarcerated adults and juveniles.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Executive recommendation for CYFD contains \$150,000 for a contact visitation program and \$75,000 for video conference equipment for incarcerated adults and juveniles. The appropriation allocations in this bill are greater than what the Executive is recommending for contact visitation and video equipment.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

This bill supports the “Blue Ribbon Panel” recommendation on Jailed and Incarcerated Parents. The Blue Ribbon Panel is appointed by the Governor’s Office under the Executive order 2006-022.

This bill impacts the CYFD strategic plan and federal Child and a Family Service Review performance measure concerning the percent of children who are the subject of substantiated maltreatment within six months of a prior determination of substantiated maltreatment.

The bill could also impacts CYFD’s performance on the federal Child and Family Service Review Family and Child Well-Being outcomes because families would have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs and for children to receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

If passed, the bill will increase the administrative burden to children, youth and families department which is not addressed in the bill.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to Senate Bill 198 “IDENTIFY MINORS & DEPENDENTS UPON ARRESTS”.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The bill attempts to link children with incarcerated parents. This bill is a little unclear as to whether the appropriations are limited to children in the State’s custody (CYFD custody) or if the programming is for all children of incarcerated parents.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None identified.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None identified.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo.

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