

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3713 - SB 3910

February 20, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the adoption of a child by an individual who resides with another person and is involved in a sexual relationship with that person outside of marriage.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,548,500

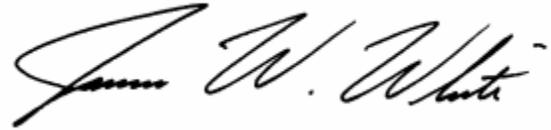
Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$2,838,700

Assumptions:

- Annually, there are approximately 1,225 adoptions through the Department of Children's Services. It is estimated that 31%, or 380, of these cases will be impacted by the provisions of the bill.
- On average, the delay in permanency will require an additional 180 days of state custody. For each additional day there will be an approximate increase of \$108 in expenditures per child. Such will increase expenditures by \$7,387,200 (380 cases X 180 days X \$108 per day).
- Of the \$7,387,200, seven percent (\$517,104) will be Title IV-E Federal funds; 49 percent (\$3,619,728) will be through TennCare; and \$3,250,368 in state funds.
- Of the TennCare funds, \$1,298,107 is state funds at a 35.862 percent match rate and \$2,321,621 is federal funds at a 64.138 percent match rate.
- The total increase in expenditures for additional days of children in custody is estimated at \$4,548,475 in state funds and \$2,838,725 in federal funds.
- Any cost to the Department of Human Services to revise the adopting rules and regulations will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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