

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1702 - HB 1629**

March 24, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services to provide post-adoption services which include crisis intervention, family and individual counseling, support groups for parents and children, referral services for community, education, mental health, and medical provider systems, respite services, case management, and networking of families and community providers.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$274,500**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the bill require the Department to provide post-adoption services to families who adopt children for whom the Department did not have legal responsibility prior to the adoption.
- According to the Department, there are approximately 700 additional adoptions that will receive services each year.
- The current DCS contract for Adoption Support and Preservation services costs approximately \$392.19 per eligible child resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$274,533 (700 x \$392.19).

**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 cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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