

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1326 – SB 1125

April 13, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005820): Deletes the original bill. Grants foster parents first preference in adopting a foster child who has resided with the foster parents for 12 consecutive months preceding the filing of an adoption petition, provided that preference for the adoption may be given to a relative with whom the child has a substantial relationship. A relative means any person who was a legal relative as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-102 prior to a termination or surrender of parental rights.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption applied to amendment:

- The overall adoption process is unchanged. Establishing the order of preference for foster parents and relatives who have the requisite substantial relationship will have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White" followed by a stylized flourish.

James W. White, Executive Director

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