

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2336

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Bill authorizes the Department to adopt administrative rules dividing the responsibility for children’s health insurance or health care costs between parents; authorizes amendments to child support guidelines for amounts payable toward health care costs, clarifying the definition of child support.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill provides that child support obligations may now include health insurance coverage or liability for health care costs to be paid as part of child support orders, which is anticipated to reduce the number of children in need of Medicaid benefits or SCHIP coverage from the state. For parents with no access to insurance, the obligated parent may be required to make monthly payments of medical support, which would be assigned to the State for months when the child is receiving Medicaid benefits. The fiscal impact is undeterminable because the Department cannot determine how many children will no longer need Medicaid benefits or SCHIP coverage as a result of enforcement of health insurance coverage or health care costs from the obligated parent.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The bill would increase the amount of payments toward health care costs that would be retained by the Department to offset the costs of Medicaid benefits provided to the child for whom the payments are made. However, the amount cannot be determined.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

A guidelines advisory committee would need to be formed and meet to make recommendations on the rulemaking changes needed to implement the bill. The cost is not expected to exceed \$5,000. In addition, some reprogramming of the computer system may be necessary to implement the changes, which would be paid out of budgeted funds.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a*

continuing appropriation.

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