

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB783-H1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Herring

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Adoption; parental placement and agency adoption.

5. **Summary:** Makes various changes to statutes governing parental placement and agency adoptions. The substitute bill authorizes a hospital to release a child to his adoptive parents when the birth parent has executed a health care power of attorney. The substitute bill decreases from 45 to 10 days the time for which a hearing is required to be held upon the filing of a petition for the approval of an entrustment agreement by a local board of social services or a child welfare agency. The substitute bill also makes technical amendments.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No fiscal impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill, as substituted, impacts parental placement adoptions and language used to delegate parental or legal custodial powers. It has no fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.