
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 1979 (Friedman) - Foster youth: housing

Version: July 28, 2020

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 20, 2020

Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Samantha Lui

Bill Summary: Assembly Bill 1979 would make a number of changes to expand housing options available for youth in the extended foster care system.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 20, 2020

Fiscal Impact: Staff estimates:

- Cost pressures of \$3.5 million (General Fund), annually ongoing, to CDSS to pay for transitional housing providers for up to 14 days in a calendar month in which the foster youth is absent and does not return to the same provider. Although the duration and number of absences is difficult to ascertain, this figure assumes \$120 per day per child rate.
- Cost pressures of \$515,000 General Fund in state staff for the evaluation for counties to assess emergency placement and to add non-minor dependents to the evaluation.
- Unknown costs to counties to each evaluate their ability to meet the emergency housing needs of youth in extended foster care.

**Proposition 30 was passed by the voters in November 2012, and among other provisions, eliminated any potential mandate funding liability for any new program or higher level of service mandated on the counties related to realigned programs, including child welfare services and foster care. Rather, legislation enacted after September 30, 2012, that has an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by realignment only apply to local agencies to the extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost increase. Local agencies are not obligated to provide programs or levels of service required by legislation above the level for which funding has been provided.*

Author Amendments: Amend per author to make the placement payment permissive, and to require CDSS to issue guidance.

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