

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 6467 SB	Title: Families in Need of Service	Agency: 055 – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
FTE – Staff Years					
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)		13,287,282	13,287,282	25,192,392	25,192,392
State Subtotal					
COUNTY					
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
CITY					
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
Total Estimated Expenditures:		13,287,282	13,287,282	25,192,392	25,192,392

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

☒ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form parts I-V

☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).

☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

The bill would merge two existing petition types currently allowed under RCW 13.32A (At Risk Youth and Child in Need of Services) under one petition type which would be referred to as a Family in Need of Services (FINS) petition. The bill requires the court to serve process on respondent(s) when the youth is the petitioner.

The bill would allow a temporary placement order to be entered for a youth at the time a FINS petition is filed. This would allow a court to authorize temporary placement out of the family home for a youth once a FINS petition is filed, pending the fact-finding hearing.

The bill would require that a family assessment be completed after the petition is filed but prior to the fact-finding (within fourteen days), and would give preference to convening a multi-disciplinary team to create a family services plan. This would eliminate the requirement that a family assessment be conducted by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Children's Administration prior to a filing, replace the requirement to sequentially come after the FINS petition is filed, change the organization responsible for conducting the family assessment, and outline the preference for a multi-disciplinary team to create a family services plan.

The bill would allow placement of youth under a FINS order to a crisis residential center beyond the current statutory length of stay.

The bill would create a Responsible Living Skills Program (RLSP) to serve youth who are not state dependents and removes limitations on the number of beds that may be established. The bill would allow placement of youth under a FINS order to a RLSP, which is identified as a longer term housing option.

The bill would limit use of secure confinement for youth under a FINS order for warrant process only, but not as a punitive contempt sanction.

The bill requires the Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR) to perform an evaluation of the FINS petition system in 2019.

Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts

It is assumed that funding for implementation and ongoing costs would be provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which would pass the funding through to the county Superior Courts juvenile services departments (juvenile courts).

There is no new revenue associated with this proposed legislation, so it is assumed that funding would be from General Fund State appropriations.

Fiscal estimates are based on the number of At Risk Youth (ARY) and Child in Need of Services (CHINS) petitions filed statewide in juvenile courts in 2016. See Table I, below.

Table I – 2016 ARY / CHINS Filings

Petition Type	2016 Statewide Filings
At Risk Youth (ARY)	1,246
Child in Need of Services (CHINS)	266
Total	1,512

There is no effective date provided for this proposed legislation, so it is assumed the bill would be effective July 1, 2018.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Fiscal Impact

It is assumed that additional case managers will be required to handle the caseload for FINS petitions. The case managers will work for the county juvenile services departments. It is estimated that 1.0 FTE case manager can handle 18 cases. Thus, 84.0 FTE case managers would be required (1,512 FINS petitions divided by 18 caseload equals 84.0 FTE).

Section 20 requires an evaluation of the FINS petition system by WSCCR. This is estimated at one month of WSCCR staff time, plus travel and meeting costs.

Standard costs are included per FTE for supplies, equipment, travel, and computers. Table II, below, summarizes case manager staff and Section 20 evaluation costs.

Table II, Summary of Case Manager Staff & Related Costs / WSCCR Evaluation

Cost Category	FY 2019	2019-2021	2021-2023
Salaries/Benefits	\$8,178,166	\$16,356,292	\$16,356,292
Standard Goods/Services	\$389,550	\$779,100	\$779,100
Travel	\$84,000	\$168,000	\$168,000
Office Tech/Equip	\$666,156	\$67,200	\$67,200
Service of Process	\$26,600	\$26,600	\$26,600
Section 20 Evaluation	\$11,610		
Total	\$9,356,082	\$17,370,592	\$17,370,592

It is assumed that additional costs will be required for services and interventions for identified youth and families. Referred to as Functional Family Therapy (FFT), the estimated cost for these services is \$2,600 per case, or \$3,931,200 (1,512 x \$2,600). Table III, below, summarizes new FFT costs.

Table III, Summary of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) Costs

Services	Cost per FFT	FINS cases	Total Cost
FINS FFT Services	\$2,600	1,512	\$3,931,200

Table IV, below, summarizes total new FY 2019 FINS costs.

Table IV – Total Estimated Costs, FY 2019

Cost Category	2019 Estimated Cost
Case Managers (staff and related costs)	\$9,356,082
Functional Family Therapy Services	\$3,931,200
Total	\$13,287,282