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Fiscal Note Memorandum

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Fiscal Assessment of L.001 to SB25-150

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 to SB25-150. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.001 caps the number of youth in foster care that can participate in the pilot program at 250 youth. It also clarifies program processes and eligible youth.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

Relative to the fiscal note for the introduced bill, Amendment L.001 decreases the fiscal impact for CDHS by \$100,000 in FY 2025-26 and from \$1.7 million to \$916,000 in FY 2026-27. These costs are only incurred if the General Assembly chooses to appropriate funding for the pilot program.

Foster Youth Awards

The initial fiscal note assumed 668 youth would participate in the program and receive \$2,000 annually, with 41 participants graduating and also receiving the additional \$1,000 incentive, totaling \$1.4 million annually beginning FY 2026-27.

Amendment L.001 sets program participation at 250 youth. Assuming approximately 16 participants will graduate to receive the \$1,000 incentive, the total foster youth award costs would total \$516,000 beginning in FY 2026-27.



Contractor

Because the program will serve fewer participants than initially estimated, contractor costs for CDHS will decrease. Amendment L.001 lowers contracting costs from \$800,000 to \$700,000 in FY 2025-26 and from \$300,000 to \$200,000 starting in FY 2026-27.

Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.001, the bill requires an appropriation of \$779,205 in FY 2025-26 and \$8813,044 in FY 2026-27 to the Department of Human Services in order for the pilot program to be implemented. These costs are shown in the tables below. Implementation of the pilot program is contingent on available appropriations, which may be made at the discretion of the General Assembly. The department may also use any available gifts, grants, or donations to support the program.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts with Amendment L.001

| Type of Impact | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures | \$797,024 | \$832,843 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

Table 1A
State Expenditures with Amendment L.001

| Fund Source | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$779,205 | \$813,044 |
| Cash Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated | \$17,819 | \$19,799 |
| Total Expenditures | \$797,024 | \$832,843 |
| Total FTE | 0.9 FTE | 1.0 FTE |

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB25-150 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 2, strike "SECTION 26-6-903, TO A" and
- 2 substitute "SECTION 26-6-903."

- 3 Page 4, strike lines 3 and 4.

- 4 Page 4, line 20, strike "IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OF A COUNTY
- 5 DEPARTMENT".

- 6 Page 5, line 24, after "SELECT" insert "NO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED
- 7 FIFTY".

- 8 Page 7, after line 20 insert:

9 "(f) DECISIONS ABOUT THE YOUTH'S SERVICES MUST BE MADE IN
10 CONSULTATION WITH THE YOUTH AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE YOUTH'S
11 INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS."

- 12 Page 7, line 23, after "YOUTH'S" insert "PERSONAL".

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