

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB307-FCS-OCS-4-18-26
Title: COURT-ORDERED COMPENSATORY
VISITATION
Sponsor: SCHWANKE
Requester: (H) TRB

Department: Department of Family and Community Services
Appropriation: Children's Services
Allocation: Family Preservation
OMB Component Number: 3312

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Family and Community Services</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 307 expands the responsibilities of the Department of Family and Community Services, Office of Children’s Services (OCS), by establishing a process for parental compensatory visitation when a scheduled visitation does not occur due to an active OCS investigation. Under the provisions of this legislation, a parent would be entitled to compensatory visitation if a scheduled visit is missed as a result of an active investigation conducted by OCS. The court may order compensatory visitation only under specific circumstances outlined in the bill. However, the legislation does not clearly identify which entity is responsible for coordinating the compensatory visitation or bearing the associated costs.

OCS anticipates additional workload and potential fiscal impacts associated with implementation of this legislation. These impacts may include increased court appearances, additional legal representation, and the need to facilitate or supervise compensatory visitation. As a result, OCS anticipates the need for additional resources to support staff time, legal representation, and supervised visitation services. However, the fiscal impact of bill is unknown as responsibility for coordinating compensatory visitation is not clearly defined. Accordingly, an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

OCS data indicates that in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, the division completed 6,739 investigations involving 8,814 children. Of these investigations, 77.7 percent were determined to be not substantiated, representing a 6,848 individual children.

Due to the broad language of the bill, OCS cannot determine the exact number of compensatory visits that may be required, who would supervise the visits, or the amount of additional court time that may be necessary.

The division will continue to monitor the impacts of this bill and determine at what level additional resources will be needed to implement this legislation should it become law. If the division is expected to supervise the compensatory visits, there will be a financial impact to OCS.