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Title: FOSTER CHILDREN PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT
Sponsor: GRAY
Requester: House Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Family and Community Services
Appropriation: Children's Services
Allocation: Children's Services Management
OMB Component Number: 3321

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities	37.4		37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	37.4	0.0	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	37.4		37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
Total	37.4	0.0	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB363 adds a requirement for the Department of Family and Community Services-Office of Children's Services to seek court review when children in state custody are placed in a psychiatric hospital. These court reviews are currently required for placement in a secure residential psychiatric treatment center. The department seeks a court hearing within 30 days of a child's admission into a secure residential psychiatric treatment center and a review hearing for placements lasting longer than 90 days. The Department of Law provides legal services for these court proceedings.

The term "psychiatric hospital" is not defined in statute, but the department is able to estimate that children in the department's custody are admitted into a hospital for psychiatric treatment an average of 90 times per year. The length of a child's hospital admission can vary and an estimated 20 of these admissions will require a 90-day review hearing. The department estimates that a total of 110 additional court hearings will be required per year with a legal cost of \$340 per hearing, for a total cost of \$37,400.