

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB036-DFCS-OCS-2-21-25
 Title: FOSTER CHILDREN PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT
 Sponsor: GRAY
 Requester: (H)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)

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	18.7		18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	18.7	0.0	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	18.7		18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7
Total	18.7	0.0	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7

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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

HB36 adds a requirement for the Department of Family and Community Services-Office of Children's Services to seek court review of placements of children in state custody in a psychiatric hospital, as is currently required for placement in a secure residential psychiatric treatment center. The department currently 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. Attorneys with the Department of Law provide legal counsel 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 one-hour court hearings will be required per year with an attorney cost of 170 per hearing, for a total cost of \$18,700.00.