

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB036CS(HSS)-FCS-CSM-5-8-25  
 Title: FOSTER CHILDREN PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT  
 Sponsor: GRAY  
 Requester: (S)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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:**

The Fiscal Note is being updated to reflect changes made in the Senate Health and Social Services committee substitute.

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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.

We anticipate a decrease in the number of hospital overstays which are paid for with GF funds from the department which would offset the costs of the court review hearings. The department can absorb any additional workload as a result of this legislation; therefore a zero fiscal note is submitted.