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SB-286

AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES  
RAISING CERTAIN CHILDREN.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least 6.6 million	At least 7.1 million

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill will result in a cost of at least \$6.6 million in FY 27 and \$7.1 million in FY 28 to the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program.

The bill increases the payment standard for households headed by a nonparent caretaker relative with legal guardianship to match prevailing monthly foster care rates, based on the child's age and medical condition.

The bill does not specify which foster care reimbursement category will be used to set the TFA payment standard. Based on projected average monthly foster care rates of \$877 for FY 27 and \$903 for FY 28, the bill is expected to increase DSS annual costs by at least \$6.6 million and \$7.1 million, respectively.

Current average monthly TFA rates for family units range from \$525 for a family with one child to an average of \$893 for a family with three

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or more children. The cost to the state will be more for children with higher needs and associated services. For context, the average monthly foster care rate for a child with medically complex needs is approximately \$1,657.

The actual cost will depend on: (1) the number of individuals impacted and (2) the foster care rate used as the basis for the TFA payment.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to: (1) the number of individuals impacted and (2) the foster care rate used as the basis for the TFA payment.

*Sources: Department of Children and Families Foster Care Rates  
Department of Social Services Caseload Data*