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Bill Number: S. 0498 Amended by Senate Child Welfare Subcommittee on March 7, 2019
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact of this bill is undetermined, as expenditures associated with a new information sharing system for the Department of Social Services are unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

The amended bill enables the Children's Trust Fund to access data maintained by the Department of Social Services, at both the client and case record levels, for research, evaluation, gap analysis, and the assessment of child abuse and neglect prevention programs. The Children's Trust Fund and the Department of Social Services must execute the contract described in the bill on or before August 1, 2019. The Children's Trust Fund must provide a report on the effectiveness of its programs to the General Assembly on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2021.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) indicates that compliance with the provisions of this bill requires the implementation of a new information technology (IT) solution. However, the bill does not specify the terms and extent of the data sharing agreement between DSS and the Children's Trust Fund. As such, the extent of the expenditure impact of the bill as related to IT services is undetermined. DSS further indicates that a new information sharing system may result in up to \$300,000 in additional General Fund expenditures for DSS, based on similar projects.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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