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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. The bill will transfer several programs, including their associated funding and FTEs, from the Department of Administration to the newly created Department of Children’s Services.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

The bill creates the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), to be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate. DCS shall be responsible for the Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children, the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Foster Care Review Board, and the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program. The Department of Administration shall provide administrative support to DCS, including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The DCS programs are currently administered by the Department of Administration. The Continuum of Care division shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding its activities.

An Interagency System for Caring for Emotionally Disturbed Children shall be established, consisting of the DCS, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the State Health and Human Services Finance Commission, the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Social Services. The bill will also eliminate the Children’s Case Resolution System, which was

tasked with reviewing cases on behalf of children for whom the appropriate public agencies collectively have not provided the necessary services.

Department of Administration. The bill transfers the agency's Continuum of Care for Emotionally Disturbed Children, the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Foster Care Review Board, and the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program to the DCS. The bill removes the Children's Case Resolution System. For FY 2018, these programs had total appropriations consisting of \$6,551,993 from the General Fund, \$11,027,688 from Other Funds, and \$2,129,326 from Federal Funds. These programs consisted of 215 FTE positions and twenty-six temporary or time-limited positions. The program funds and positions will be transferred to the DCS. There will be no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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