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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3324 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Family Support Service Providers
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Kokolis
Impact Date: February 1, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Undetermined	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$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

This bill would have an undetermined expenditure impact on the General Fund and Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2017

State Expenditure

This bill allows the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) Family Support Services Program users to select a specific service agency or person to provide services that are needed to keep the disabled or special needs individual in the home. The bill defines service provider to mean a private or public agency or person, who may include a relative of the individual or family qualifying to receive services under the Family Support Program, who provides services to the individual or family for compensation.

Further, the bill requires the written service plan to be signed by the person or an adult family member and the contracted agency. The plan must set forth the services to be provided, and the service provider's compensation, work schedule, and any other benefits. An individual or family may direct the contracted agency to select a specific agency or person to be the service provider, which the contracted agency must approve as long as the specific agency or person is qualified to provide the services. The individual or family has the authority to terminate the requested service provider at any time.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The department indicates this bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact to the General Fund and Federal Funds. The bill may affect qualified and listed DDSN case management providers by involving them with establishing or negotiating direct provider compensation, hourly rates, work schedules and benefits. The current process involves giving qualified service provider information to eligible Family Support Services Program users, and the users choosing which service provider meets their needs. DDSN pays for the service based on authorized pay bands, client needs, and available funding. The new responsibilities may result in rate increases, which would require additional funding for DDSN. In addition, in some instances, the bill may change IRS' designation of employer of record from the service user to the direct service provider agency, which may result in additional costs associated with the employer-employee relationship, and also increase rates. Further, the agency indicates it would need to implement an additional appeal process to address differences between consumers and service providers.

Department of Health and Human Services. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, and Federal Funds because the Family Support Services Program is not a waiver service and is funded by DDSN state appropriations. However, the level of discretion provided to beneficiaries and service providers may conflict with the policies and regulations governing HHS and BabyNet. If conflicts occur, the financial burden of providing services will shift directly to DDSN, to the service provider, or the beneficiary themselves.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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