



## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD reports that there are no fiscal implications created for agency as a result of enactment of this bill since CYFD already conducts fingerprint based checks on adult household members when determining suitability for placement. The Department also reports that any additional administrative duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill can be absorbed by existing staff.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SB 111/CS changes a clause in current law to indicate that the child shall be removed from the home immediately if any adult resident fails to provide fingerprints or written permission to perform a federal criminal history record check when requested to do so. This language change (from permissive to mandatory) is required in order to be in compliance with the federal requirements for running these checks.

Law enforcement may place a child into the emergency protective custody of CYFD when law enforcement believes that a child is abused or neglected and that there is an immediate threat to the child's safety. In these circumstances the parent is unavailable to provide care and protection to the child. Law enforcement or CYFD is responsible to identify a safe and appropriate placement for the child, including exploring for appropriate relatives, private individuals, neighbors and friends so as to reduce the trauma to the child and preserve family connections.

CYFD reports that the agency currently conducts fingerprint based national criminal records background checks on all foster and adoptive parent applicants, however these checks do not provide immediate results. The bill provides the language necessary to allow CYFD more timely access of federal criminal records histories than is currently available. The agency states that this information is critical to accessing child safety in the placement.

The new language in Subsection B allowing a resident to review information obtained in a criminal history record check maintains the agency decision making authority while allowing the individual to review any results from the records check.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD has performance measures related to the safety and placement stability of children who may be placed more immediately with appropriate relatives.

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