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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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BILL

SHORT TITLE CYFD Identification for Certain Children **NUMBER** House Bill 133

ANALYST Hernandez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT*

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
		\$11,286	Indeterminate but minimal	At least \$11,286	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
 Children, Youth, and Families Department
 Office of Family Representation and Advocacy

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 133

House Bill 133 mandates that the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) provide children within its custody the opportunity to obtain a standard identification card no later than 90 days after the child is placed within custody of CYFD. If a child is unable to apply for the card themselves, the department must obtain the identification card no later than 90 days from the date the condition preventing compliance ceases. Any child who is at least 14 years or older and has been in the department’s custody for more than 30 days is eligible, including children participating in Fostering Connections.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The department estimates there are 411 children aged 14-17 and 216 youth aged 18-21. The cost to provide identification cards to these children is approximately \$11,286. Costs should theoretically drop precipitously in FY27 because only children who enter foster care aged 14-17 would need identification cards. However, it is difficult to estimate the exact costs for FY27. Additionally, the department estimates they may need an additional staff person to implement the program—although it is likely that current case workers could absorb the workload.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The department indicates the availability of a standard identification card would help “youth who are at an age where they are able to seek employment, housing, or coordinate their own care and a standard identification card may be needed to do so.”

CYFD notes the statute does not clarify which address should be used on the identification card or if the department is required to ensure the address is updated when the child’s placement changes.

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