

State Impact

This bill establishes an Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense. An ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$182,500 is required to the Department of Administrative Services for operations of the Office. During the first year of operation, the Office is directed to develop a funding formula which will require payments from the counties to the State General Fund. This revenue will be appropriated as General Fund and used for "contracted" services. The preliminary estimate of the expense to the counties could be as much as \$1,000,000 starting in FY 2004.

	<u>FY 03 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 03 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$182,500	\$1,179,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$182,500	\$1,179,000	\$0	\$1,000,000

Individual and Business Impact

Some individuals who must currently pay for legal counsel may be able to receive services free.
