

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE**

**State Impact**

This legislation appropriates \$239,000 away from the current base budget of a program within the Department of Human Services and then re-appropriates that amount to the new Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund created by this bill. There is still a need by the Division of Child and Family Services for an appropriation of \$48,300 (\$39,600 General Fund) for estimated increases in case worker overtime related to new requirements of a family's treatment plan. There would be significant fiscal impact to the counties if they chose to participate in the child welfare parental defense program. The State would also be requested to appropriate funds for this program. The amounts are impossible to estimate at this time. Additional federal revenues would be conditional on expenditure of state funds.

	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$39,600	\$39,600	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$8,700	\$8,700	\$8,700	\$8,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,300</b>	<b>\$48,300</b>	<b>\$8,700</b>	<b>\$8,700</b>

---

**Individual and Business Impact**

Eligible families would benefit from this new program which could provide them free child welfare parental defense counsel.

---