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Child Protection and Safety Act

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue
Analysis of S.F. 1508 (Sieben), 1st Engrossment

	Fund Impact			
	<u>F.Y. 2008</u>	<u>F.Y. 2009</u>	<u>F.Y. 2010</u>	<u>F.Y. 2011</u>
	(000's)			
General Fund	-- To be determined --		\$0	\$0

Effective July 1, 2007.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

This bill establishes the child safety system, a performance-based system designed to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of children. The goal of the child safety system is to achieve the following outcomes:

- 1) Protecting children from abuse and neglect, including maintaining a safe environment for children in their homes whenever possible
- 2) Maintaining permanency and stability in the children's living situations, including preserving continuity of family relationships
- 3) Ensuring that families have the capacity to provide for their children's educational, physical, and mental health needs

The system is funded by a newly established child safety fund, through which the Commissioner of Human Services allocates child safety system funding to the counties based on the formula prescribed in the bill. For calendar year 2008, the formula is as follows:

Funding Percentage	Criteria
90%	The county's average federal child welfare targeted case management (CWTCM) revenue for years 2004 through 2006.
10%	50% based on the three-year average of the percentage of children in poverty in the county
	50% based on the three-year average of the total number of children in the county

The bill has a blank appropriation from the general fund to the Commissioner of Human Services to develop the child safety system for the 2008/2009 biennium.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL (Continued)

The Commissioner of Human Services will convene a working group to establish performance standards and procedures for measuring county compliance with performance standards. The commissioner will provide technical assistance to counties to assist in meeting performance standards and compliance requirements. The commissioner shall evaluate the performance of each county in the state to measure compliance with the performance standards. Beginning January 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter, the commissioner shall prepare a report which must include the counties' progress in achieving compliance. The report shall evaluate and make changes necessary to amend the child safety system performance standards and must be disseminated to county agencies statewide.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- This bill has no revenue impact. The general fund impact would be the appropriation, which is left blank in the bill.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Tax Research Division
http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy