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Research Analysis

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Fiscal Analysis

The PCS for HB 2136 requires a OSBI/FBI background search of certain individuals. According to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), a combined OSBI/FBI background search using fingerprints, processed by OSBI, costs \$43 per individual. OKDHS provides a \$15 voucher to law enforcement for taking each set of fingerprints. The total cost per individual for criminal background results is \$58.

In FY10, 1,344 children left OKDHS care due to reunification. Estimating that two adults reside in each of these households, 2,688 OSBI name-based and FBI fingerprint-based searches will be required yearly. $58 \times 2,688 = \underline{\$155,904}$ annually

The FBI requires any individual, authorized to access fingerprint results to also be fingerprinted. Estimating there will be 192 OKDHS personnel who will need access to the FBI reports, the cost for fingerprinting OKDHS employees will be approximately \$11,136.

If other individuals involved in a deprived case such as the judge, district attorney, child's attorney, Indian Child Welfare tribal workers, etc. are allowed to review the FBI rap sheet, there will be a requirement to fingerprint the majority of these persons. The most economical and efficient way to accomplish these background checks may be to process them through OKDHS; however, this will potentially increase the fiscal impact by as much as \$46,400 for an estimated 800 additional individuals statewide.

Federal funds are not available at this time for 100% dedicated fingerprinting for reunification.

There is no fiscal impact of conducting an investigation instead of an assessment and there will be little to no operational impact for this requirement.

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Other Considerations

The legislation's intent is to keep children safe by allowing OKDHS to run criminal background checks of persons on all the persons living in a home where a foster child might be reunified in such a home.