

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2332
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Impact: Year 1:	\$72,681,459 state share; \$70,038,079 state share thereafter

Research Analysis

The PCS for HB 2332 creates the “Model Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019,” that requires DHS to create a pilot program to improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in the custody of the department. Components of the pilot program will include: cost-effective in-house employment opportunities to children who are, or were, in DHS custody and, subject to the availability of funds, compensation to the participants. The department is directed to create at least one new administrative position to oversee implementation of the program and to work with the Commissioner of Labor to provide employment opportunities to program participants. Finally, the measure authorizes DHS to provide extended foster care services to youth until their 21st birthday under certain conditions.

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Fiscal Analysis

Fiscal analysis provided by the Department of Human Services:

Section 1:

To create enough new in-house employment opportunities for all work-aged youth in DHS custody or former custody youth through age 21, the total cost in the first year would be \$98,112,121 with a state share of \$72,681,459. After the first year the onetime costs associated with creating new staff positions would roll off requiring a total annual cost ongoing of \$94,543,843, with a \$70,038,079 state share.

This calculation includes the salaries, benefits, and other costs associated with creating positions for all those who meet the criteria of being working age youth in DHS custody or former DHS custody youth as described in HB 2332, the supervisory positions that need to be created to supervise these youth, and the administrative position requested in HB 2332 to oversee the program.

Section 2:

Approximately 300 youth age out of foster care each year. DHS is estimating that 250 will qualify, based on the provisions outlined in HB 1983, for the voluntarily stay in foster care for the additional benefits each year for three years and remain on the voluntary benefit for all three years.

The cost for year one is \$3,898, 830 total with \$1,874,813 state share. Year two will have a cost of \$7,744,235 total, \$3,215,369 state share. The third year will have a cost of \$11,589,641 total, \$5,545,287 state share. After year three, new positions will no longer be created. With the

onetime cost associated with creating positions no longer included in the calculations; all ongoing years will have a total cost of \$11,536,217 with a state share of \$5,505,711.

The estimate includes salaries, benefits, travel, cell phones, computers, and other supplies required for the increased staff positions that will be created to support the increased number of children served. The costs of foster care maintenance payments for this population are also included.

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Other Considerations

None.