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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Public children services agencies (PCSAs) may realize court-related costs under the bill if emergency custody motions need to be filed to transfer custody of a child from one PCSA to another. Costs will depend on the number of times this occurs, if the PCSAs need to pay additional court or legal fees as a result, and how current practice differs from the bill's requirements.

Detailed Analysis

The bill specifies that, if a child is taken into custody for reasons related to the child's welfare and the child cannot be released to a parent, guardian, or custodian, the court officer or law enforcement officer must immediately notify the public children services agency (PCSA) of the county in which the child is taken into custody. Upon receiving notice, the PCSA must take immediate custody of the child. If the child is taken into custody in a county other than the county in which the child resides, the PCSA must act as the child's temporary custodial agency and immediately notify the PCSA of the county in which the child resides. That PCSA must then promptly take custody of the child and act as the lead agency. However, the bill does not require a court officer or law enforcement officer to immediately notify a PCSA as specified above when law enforcement would be involved in taking custody of the child for reasons unrelated to the child's welfare.

It is possible that the bill's provisions may require additional court action and result in additional court fees or legal costs for a PCSA if emergency custody motions need to be filed to transfer custody of a child from one PCSA to another. However, costs will depend on the number of times this occurs, how the bill's provisions differ from current practice, and if the PCSAs will need to pay additional court or legal fees as a result.