

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY
 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FISCAL NOTE**

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22-15	Department of Health and Human Services - Children's Services Agency Division of Child Welfare Licensing	Child Placing Agencies

FISCAL IMPACT:

R 400.12205 Rule 205 raises the minimum requirements for a social service supervisor from 1 year experience as a social service worker to 3 years of experience as a social service worker . To the extent that the licensees do not have supervisors currently employed who meet that experience requirement, the licensees would be required to find additional staff that could increase staff costs and require an increase in provider rates paid by the State.

Under R 400.12209 Rule 209 there are requirements for licensees to offer the following training types: trauma-informed parenting, human trafficking, systemic racism, and SOGIE training. To the extent that this training is required to be offered by the licensee, the increased cost could have to be recovered through an increased rate paid to providers.

The rule set adds a requirement that both social service workers and social service supervisor must pass a written exam, R 400.12305 Rule 305. The rule set does not define the requirements of the written exam and does not make clear as to whether existing workers and supervisors must pass a written exam. To the extent that the requirement of a passage of a written exam increases the licensee's actual staff costs, there could be an increase in provider rates paid by the State.

The rule set states that an agency cannot consider an application withdrawn after 60 days unless the agency has made attempts to actively engage the family, R 400.12308 Rule 308. The rules do not define what actions must be taken to actively engage the family to meet the intent of the rule. To the extent that licensees must use additional staff time and resources to "actively engage the family" and meet the requirements of the rule, there could be an increase in provider rates paid by the State.