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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0191 Amended by Senate Family and Veterans Services on February 13, 2019  
**Author:** Shealy  
**Subject:** Kinship Foster Care Program  
**Requestor:** Senate Family and Veterans Services  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Mitchell  
**Impact Date:** February 15, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Social Services.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by Senate Family and Veterans Services on February 13, 2019**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill as amended allows fictive kin to be foster parents under the Kinship Foster Care Program. Fictive kin is defined as an individual not related by birth, adoption, or marriage to a child but who has an emotionally significant relationship with the child or the child's family. The bill enables the Department of Social Services to consider fictive kin eligible for licensing as a kinship foster parent. The bill provides that if a relative or fictive kin is not licensed as a kinship foster parent, the department may still place the child with the relative or fictive kin without the licensure requirement if certain criteria are met. In addition, a relative or fictive kin with whom a child has been placed and who has begun the licensure process shall have the same legal status and access to services as a licensed kinship foster care provider.

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##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director