

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6482-01
Bill No.: SB 1017
Subject: Children and Minors; Domestic Relations; Food; Public Assistance; Social Services Department; Victims of Crime
Type: Original
Date: March 5, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	(\$32,970)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$32,970)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Federal *	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Income and expenses net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

DSS officials provided the response for the **Office of Administration (OA), Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)/DSS**. OA, ITSD/DSS officials state the Family Assistance Management Information System (FAMIS) does not force the Eligibility Specialist to enter the details of the applicant's family relationships for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application. This will require screen changes. The system also does not include relationships as a technical eligibility criteria for such applications and this will have to be added. Various other changes including expedited eligibility determination, forms/notice changes and possible interfaces with external agencies will be required.

ITSD assumes that every new IT project/system will be bid out because all ITSD resources are at full capacity. The current contract rate for IT consultants is \$75 per hour. Changes to FAMIS will require 829.44 contract consultant hours at a total cost of \$62,208 (829.44 hours * \$75). These one-time costs will be split 53% GR/47% Federal funds.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - OA, ITSD/DSS (\$208.249)</u>			
FAMIS system changes	<u>(\$32,970)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$32,970)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Income - OA, ITSD/DSS (\$208.249)</u>			
System change reimbursements	\$29,238	\$0	\$0
<u>Costs - OA, ITSD/DSS (\$208.249)</u>			
FAMIS system changes	<u>(\$29,238)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under this act, the Department of Social Services shall, when calculating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, consider biological, step, adoptive, and unborn children as part of a household and foster children may also be included at the request of the household providing foster care. Subject to federal approval, individuals residing at or who are clients of domestic violence shelters, maternity homes, pregnancy resource centers, and public or private nonprofit agencies operated to assist victims of human trafficking shall be eligible for expedited service of benefits. Finally, when determining if residents or clients of such entities are exempt from SNAP work requirements, the Department shall consider factors such as homelessness, displacement, fleeing violence or abuse, postpartum complications, physical or psychological trauma, and similar conditions.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Office of Administration -
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