COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1282S.01I Bill No.: SB 336

Subject: Disabilities; Elderly; Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities; Public

Assistance; Department of Social Services

Type: Original

Date: January 4, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to supplemental welfare

assistance.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
Total Estimated Net					
Effect on General					
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
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 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on <u>All</u> Federal				
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
Total Estimated Net					
Effect on FTE	0	0	0		

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☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of
the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED FY 2024 FY 2025 FY 2					
Local Government \$0 \$0 \$0					

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§208.030 - Home care in licensed residential care facilities shall be subject to appropriation

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** assume appropriations will be sufficient to cover the Supplemental Nursing Care at a minimum of the 1983 levels. Therefore, DSS assumes no impact.

Oversight notes the DSS Supplemental Nursing Care (SNC) Manual states, "The purpose of the Supplemental Nursing Care (SNC) program is to provide individuals who meet certain requirements with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health in accordance with the standards developed by the Family Support Division (FSD). Cash benefits are granted to certain eligible adults residing in licensed skilled, intermediate care, residential care, or assisted living facilities."

In discussions with DSS, **Oversight** learned the 1983 levels of assistance are part of the total state plan agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS). Although the current monthly SNC rate is \$156, the 1983 rate is \$120. Should appropriations be insufficient to support 1983 levels, there could be an unknown negative fiscal impact to federal funds. However, as this legislation removes the upper limit for total state payment for home care in licensed residential care facilities, Oversight assumes appropriations will continue to be sufficient to support the 1983 levels of assistance; therefore, Oversight assumes a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget & Planning (B&P)** state this bill has no direct impact on B&P or on general and total state revenues. The B&P states it will not impact the calculation pursuant to Article X, Section 18(e).

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Department of Mental Health** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other nursing homes and hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the MOLIS database is available upon request.

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FISCAL IMPACT – State	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Government	(10 Mo.)		
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Local	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Government	(10 Mo.)		
	<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 current law, certain persons may be eligible for up to \$156 a month in supplemental welfare assistance for home care in licensed residential care facilities. This act removes that monthly cap and makes such assistance subject to appropriations (§208.030).

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services Department of Mental Health Department of Social Services Office of Administration - Budget and Planning

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