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Synopsis of the Governor's 2010-2011 Biennial Budget
Prepared by the Office of Fiscal Analysis (excerpt-only)

Significant Program Expenditures Changes

LEGISLATIVE

Eliminate Legislative Commissions

- The Governor proposes eliminating all 6 legislative commissions (African-American Affairs, Aging, Asian Pacific American Affairs, Children, Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs, and Women). This would eliminate a total of 34 positions and \$3.8 million in FY 10 and \$4 million in FY 11. The Governor's budget achieves the elimination of the 6 legislative commissions through a lapse budget reduction.

REGULATION AND PROTECTION

Department of Labor

Funding for Connecticut's Youth Employment program is eliminated (\$4.75 million) due to anticipated federal stimulus funding for similar programs; and *Office of Fiscal Analysis February 5, 2009* 4

- Funding for Jobs First Employment Services is reduced by approximately \$2.5 million in FY 10 and FY 11, and TANF Job Reorganization is reduced by \$975,000 in both years. A total savings of approximately \$3.5 in both FY 10 and FY 11 is anticipated due to the rebidding of contracted services.

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

- Eliminate the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA) through the reduction of \$1,052,253 in funding from the Insurance Fund in FY 10 and \$1,069,734 in funding from the Insurance Fund in FY 11. Seven positions under OHA are eliminated.

Department of Public Health

- Reduce AIDS Services funding to pre-FY 08 levels in FY 10 through a reduction of \$2,699,237 in this account. These funds were added in the 2008 legislative session in anticipation of a reduction in federal funding that did not occur;

Reduce funding in various programs by \$477,225, to be added to the rollout of FY 09



revisions in both FY 10 and FY 11 of \$1,196,279 in Other Current Expenses, to achieve a

10% funding decrease in these programs:

- o Needle & Syringe Exchange,
- o Community Services Support for Persons with AIDS,
- o Children's Health Initiative,
- o Services for Children Affected by AIDS,
- o Children with Special Health Care Needs,
- o X-Ray Screening & Tuberculosis Care,
- o Genetic Diseases Programs, and
- o Venereal Disease Program

HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Social Services

Health Care

- Eliminate state funded non-emergency care to non-citizens, for a savings of \$23.6 million in FY10 and \$24.5 million in FY11;
- Limit adult dental benefits to emergency care, for a savings of \$22.7 million in FY10 and \$28 million in FY11;
- Impose cost sharing for Medicaid clients, for a savings of \$8.5 million in FY10 and \$10.5 million in FY11;
- Establish premiums for HUSKY A adults, for a savings of \$8.8 million in FY10 and \$9.3 million in FY11;
- Eliminate medical interpreters, for a savings of \$5.5 million in FY10 and \$6.0 million in FY11;
- Delay implementation of AIDS/HIV waiver, for a savings of \$1.6 million in FY10 and \$4.1 million in FY11;



- Increase HUSKY B premiums, for a savings of \$1.5 million in FY10 and \$1.6 million in FY11;
- Eliminate Lifestar subsidy, for an annual savings of \$1.4 million; and
- Eliminate SAGA vision and non-emergency transportation benefits, for a savings of \$1.1 million in FY10 and \$1.2 million in FY11.

Department of Children and Families

- Implementation of the change in juvenile jurisdiction is recommended to be delayed from 1/1/10 until 1/1/12;
- The Children's Trust Fund Council's grant funding (\$13.5 million) is transferred to DCF, reflecting the consolidation of prevention efforts;

Department of Education

- A reduction of \$3.1 million in FY 10 and a reduction of \$3.0 million in FY 11 associated with the reconfiguration of the Early Childhood Advisory Cabinet and Preschool Quality Rating System. The Early Childhood Education Cabinet is being recast in an advisory role with reduced roles and responsibilities, resulting in savings;
- The Department of Higher Education is reconfigured into the State Department of Education. Funds totaling \$68.3 million in both years of biennium are transferred. Included in the transfer of funds is \$23.9 million for the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant and \$30.2 million for the Connecticut Aid for Public Colleges Student Grant, which are both funded at FY 09 levels; and
- Transfer Funding of \$140.1 million in FY 10 and \$145.8 million in FY 11 associated with the Connecticut Technical High School System to the new Middle College System.

JUSTICE

Judicial Department

- Close the Bristol Geographical Area and Meriden Geographical Area / Judicial District courts; as a consequence, 29 filled positions are eliminated and agency savings of approximately \$2.1 million realized annually;



- In FY 11, reduce by one-half the General Fund subsidy that is passed through the Judicial Department to the probate court system in order to support regional children's probate courts; as a consequence, savings of \$1,250,000 is realized in that fiscal year;
- Defer implementation of the change in juvenile jurisdiction effective January 1, 2010, in accordance with PA 07-4; approximately \$54 million in additional funding (above current level spending) is needed over the biennium for this agency to implement the Public Act;
- Reduce funding to implement provisions of PA 08-51, including: (1) eliminating funding during the biennium to increase the rate of compensation for temporary assistant clerks (annualized savings of \$859,840); (2) eliminate funding for the juvenile justice urban cities pilot program with savings of \$764,000 in each year of the biennium; and (3) reduce funding by \$173,000 to the truancy prevention program (approximately \$400,000 remains under the governor's recommendation);
- In accordance with PA 08-176, which sunsets the foreclosure mediation program on June 30, 2010, FY 11 funding from the Banking Fund is eliminated (saving approximately \$2.4 million). These funds currently support 28 filled positions;

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