



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7426

House of Representatives, May 7, 2007

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall review the programs administered by the Department of
3 Social Services in order to determine: (1) The cost and effectiveness of
4 each such program in relation to all such programs; (2) the relative
5 importance of the services provided under each such program to the
6 recipients of such services; (3) the likelihood that recipients could
7 qualify for similar services under federal, local or private programs; (4)
8 the effects of the phase-out or elimination of such programs. The
9 commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
11 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
12 later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Department of Social Services	GF - See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The reporting requirements mandated by the bill would not result in additional cost to the agency because it already reports on its budget and programs to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

The Out Years

None

OFA Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Department of Social Services to review the programs and services of the department in order to evaluate the effectiveness and benefits and assign priority for their continued funding. The commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter to the Appropriations Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)