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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-122—HB 6356**

*Human Services Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF SOCIAL SERVICES' REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE  
REGARDING REPAYMENT OF SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:** This act fills a gap in the Department of Social Services' (DSS) procedure to inform potential legally liable relatives to repay the state for the assistance it provided to another person, often a spouse or child. Under existing law, DSS has to notify the relatives within 30 days after awarding the assistance. Under the act, when DSS learns the identity of the legally liable relatives only after awarding the assistance, it must notify them of their liability within 30 days of learning who they are.

By law, notices must be written in plain language, in an easily readable and understandable format, and whenever possible in the first language of the recipient.

The repayment obligation applies to DSS-administered programs, including medical assistance, state supplement, Temporary Family Assistance (cash welfare), and state-administered general assistance programs.

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