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AN ACT CONCERNING A DIAPER STIPEND FOR CERTAIN
RECIPIENTS OF TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	At Least \$1.1 million	At Least \$1.4 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill will result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS), Temporary Family Assistance Program (TFA) of approximately \$1.1 million in FY 20 and an annualized cost of approximately \$1.4 million in FY 21 to provide a monthly diaper benefit of \$30 to TFA clients for each child under the age of 3.

In addition, the bill will result in administrative expenses to DSS related to regulations adopted to “ensure that such benefit is used solely for the purchase of diapers.” The bill will require DSS to validate and/or otherwise regulate a recipient’s use of funds to comply with the requirements of the bill which is outside the scope of what is currently required for recipients of TFA cash assistance. The scope of administrative expense will depend on how the regulations are operationalized at the agency.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

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continue into the future subject to the number of TFA children under the age of 3 and any administrative increases.