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sSB-911

AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in an annual cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of at least \$6.6 million associated with providing medical assistance for prenatal care through a state plan option under the Children's Health Insurance Program (HUSKY B). This is estimated to impact (1) 450 individuals per year at an average gross cost of approximately \$13,000 per person, and (2) 1,500 undocumented citizens at an average gross cost of approximately \$8,600 per person.¹ Assuming the state receives 65% federal reimbursement, the state will incur new costs of approximately \$6.6 million annually.²

The actual cost to the state will depend on the number of individuals assisted and the rate used for such services.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

¹ Rate reflects prenatal costs as labor and delivery services are currently provided to undocumented citizens under emergency Medicaid coverage.

² Gross costs are estimated at \$18.8 million; 65% federal financial participation assumes funding is available under the State's CHIP allotment

continue into the future subject to rates paid and the number of applicable cases.