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sSB-197

AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$5.5 million	\$5.5 million
Labor Dept.	GF - Cost	\$500,000	\$1 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of \$5.5 million in FY 23 and FY 24 to the Department of Social Services (DSS) as a result of increasing the length of time, from 21 months to 60 months (the federal maximum), that a family subject to time limits can receive TFA benefits.

The bill also results in a cost of \$500,000 in FY 23 and \$1 million in FY 24 to the Department of Labor (DOL) associated with increased caseload costs related to the Jobs First Employment Services program, which requires participation of certain TFA participants who are receiving benefits.

Additional costs for DSS and DOL may be incurred should individuals who formerly timed out of TFA reapply for benefits until they reach the 60-month federal maximum.

sHB 5037, the revised FY 23 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriates \$5.5 million to DSS and \$500,000 to DOL to support costs related to increased caseload due to

the extension TFA benefits.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Department of Social Services Caseload Information