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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5638
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AFDC BENEFITS FOR MINORS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND JOB TRAINING FOR AFDC RECIPIENTS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill would require the Department of Income Maintenance to implement an optional provision of the Family Support Act of 1988 by requiring minor AFDC parents to live with their adult parent or in another adult supervised living arrangement in order to receive State assistance. It further requires parents receiving AFDC to participate in the Job Connection program if their young child is two years old. Current program policy requires parents to participate when their youngest child is three.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5638

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Savings, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Income Maintenance

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Passage of this bill is anticipated to result in a minimal savings which cannot be determined at this time. While minors would be required to live with their parents or another supervising adult in order to receive assistance, the numbers of such cases which would result in either discontinued cases or reductions in benefit levels is anticipated to be minimal. Also, if the minor and child moves in with the minor's parent there may still be two welfare households. Further, the Family Support Act allows minors to live alone for good cause such as in situations of abuse. As the extent to which this provision will result in reduced benefits is unknown, no actual savings can be determined at this time.

The bill would also change the requirement for participation in the Job Connection program by lowering the exemption based on the age of the youngest child from three to two years of age. This may result in future costs to the extent that additional funds are made available for this program to serve these additional participants. Presently, only 40 percent of those required to participate are receiving services.

It should be noted that SHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for fiscal year 1992-93 included \$5.5 million for the operation of the Job Connection Program.

Finally, costs or savings associated with the changes to AFDC benefits to minors would be offset by appropriate adjustments in federal financial participation.