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BILL NUMBER: SSB 99  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS: House "B"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS FROM LEGALLY LIABLE RELATIVES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SSB 99

STATE IMPACT	Yes, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Administrative Services, Office of Policy and Management, Department of Income Maintenance

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of this bill as amended would have an uncertain fiscal impact to the Department of Income Maintenance.

The original bill would have had no fiscal impact on the State as it would have formalized a current practice of the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of Policy and Management.

House "B" would result in an uncertain fiscal impact to the Department of Income Maintenance. The amendment would require the Commissioner of Income Maintenance to seek a waiver from the federal law for the purpose of establishing a means of reducing long-term care costs under the Medicaid program. The authority of the Federal Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to grant a "waiver" of federal law is uncertain. The Department, however, may certainly request approval of a "waiver/research project". If the Federal Government can and would grant such a waiver program, significant savings may ensue. If the State's request is not under the authority of HHS to grant, no savings could be achieved.

Any costs associated with the development of this request are anticipated to be minimal, and therefore, could be absorbed within the normal operating budget of the Department.

Any costs or savings would be subject to normal adjustments in federal financial participation.