



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1261

PRINTERS NO. 3884

PRIME SPONSOR: Quigley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	(\$173,000,000)

SUMMARY: Amends the Public Welfare Code providing for county human services consolidated planning and reporting; for cessation of the general assistance program; for sanctions for noncompliance with employment and work-related activity requirements; for nursing facilities assessment reauthorization; for a permanent legal custodianship program; and for a human services block grant pilot program. Effective date is July 1, 2012 or immediately whichever is later.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would require the department to develop a uniform consolidated process for counties to submit plans and reports regarding the delivery of county-based human services; would eliminate the 100% state funded general assistance cash grant program on August 1, 2012; would require that, as a condition of eligibility, applicants for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-food stamps) apply for at least 3 jobs per week; would revise the sanctions for non-compliance with employment and work-related activity requirements; would expand the 100 hour per month work requirement for medical assistance to a custodial parent of a child under the age of 21 years; would extend the nursing facilities assessment from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2016; would extend adoption and permanent legal custodian subsidies to age 18-21 years for youth who are adopted or placed with a permanent legal custodian; and would establish a human services block grant pilot program allowing no more than 20 counties to participate in the block grant in any fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT: The FY12-13 budget assumes that elimination of the General Assistance cash grant program will result in total state savings of \$150million; that expansion of the 100 hour per month work requirement will result in \$19.5million in state savings for the Medical Assistance program and that \$4.5million in state savings will be offset by the additional federal Title IV-E dollars for the extension of child welfare services to youth aged 18 to 21 years. There is an additional \$1million in state funds included in the Information Systems appropriation in DPW to make system changes.

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DATE: June 29, 2012

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.