



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

PRINTERS NO. 1500

PRIME SPONSOR: Cox

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 508, Printer's Number 1500, prohibits individuals who are not in compliance with Megan's Law registration requirements from receiving public assistance. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: The bill prohibits an individual who is required to register as a convicted sexual offender but is not compliant with the registration requirements from receiving public assistance, other than medical assistance. The Department of Human Services is required to issue regulations to effectuate compliance with the registration requirements for individuals it considers transient or homeless to include any address or location where public assistance funds are to be sent on behalf of an eligible individual. The eligibility for assistance of minor children living in the household shall not be affected by the noncompliant individual being deemed ineligible for assistance. Benefits are reinstated upon showing evidence of compliance with the requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Megan's Law website currently includes nearly 21,000 active offenders and 381 individuals are listed as absconded or non-compliant. The number of non-compliant offenders receiving assistance is not known. Per the Department of Human Services, there would be increased administrative costs to ascertain if an applicant is in compliance with Megan's Law requirements that could be absorbed within current funding. For every non-compliant individual there could be annual savings of up to \$2,500 for those receiving cash assistance and up to \$340 for those receiving the State Supplementary Payments related to the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

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