

Revised based on amendments adopted through 5-13-15

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	4,420,000		5,400,000	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	4,420,000		5,400,000	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill as amended changes the payment for families qualifying for the Aid to Dependent Children Program from a base amount not to exceed \$300 a month for a two-person family plus an additional \$75 per month for each additional family member to a payment based on 55% of the standard of need. The effective date is 90 days after the session.

This bill increases the payment to ADC families, but does not change the qualifications of the program. From January 2013 to March 2015, the number of families on the program decreased 1,457 families during this period of time. This fiscal note assumes caseloads will remain constant at the Year-to-Date average of 6,200 families. The increase to 55% of the standard of need would increase the average payment by \$72 a month. The increase in costs would be \$4.42 million in FY 16 and \$5.4 million in FY17. In FY 18 and beyond the costs will increase because the standard of need is adjusted every other year. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funding would cover the costs. The TANF balance as of September 30, 2014 was \$ 68.9 million. Based on the assumptions used in this fiscal note, the TANF balance is adequate to sustain this level of expenditure until FY 2025.

This bill establishes the Intergovernmental Poverty Task Force. The executive committee of the task force shall consist of the chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Committee, Appropriations Committee and three at-large members of the Legislature. The CEO of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are non-voting members. Other non-voting members will be: 1) representatives of advocacy groups, 2) academic experts, 3) service providers, 4) workforce development experts, 5) representatives of educational institutions and 6) experts in early childhood education. The Task Force will share, examine and analyze data; study and evaluate effective programs, policies and procedures and create a long-term strategic plan. The Task Force may appoint special committees to advise and assist the Task Force. The Task Force shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The work will be done with current Legislative resources.