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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill establishes the Department of Health and Human Services Delivery Improvement and Efficiency Act. This bill requires that for public assistance eligibility the following conditions would apply:

- 1) Documentation is simplified
- 2) Asset limits are eliminated for those under \$25,000
- 3) Least burdensome and least redundant verification procedures
- 4) Attestation for the Supplemental Assistance Program to the greatest extent permitted
- 5) Sharing of client information across programs
- 6) Use the longest eligibility time period allowed under federal law
- 7) Simultaneous renewal for all programs to the greatest possible extent
- 8) Use of outside data bases to the greatest extent possible
- 9) Coordination and simplification of benefit renewals
- 10) Prevention of case closure for reasons other than ineligibility

The programs to which all or most of the above conditions shall apply are the following: 1) Aid to Dependent Children (ADC), 2) Child Care Subsidy Program, 3) Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), 4) Medicaid Program and 5) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The department is required to seek any and all state plan amendments or waivers necessary to implement the Act. The department is to collect and analyze certain data and report annually to the Legislature.

The easing of the application and renewal process and extending eligibility time periods to the longest periods allowed by federal law would increase aid costs. The extent to which costs will increase cannot be determined. The programs covered by the provision of this bill have different fund sources or fund mixes, so the impacts would vary by how the programs are funded. The Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid are state/federal matching programs. The Supplemental Nutrition Program is federally funded. The Aid to Dependent Children's Program is funded under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant. Increased costs could be picked up from the carryover balance. The Child Care Subsidy Program is funded by federal block grants and state general funds. All funding from the block grants are being utilized. Any increases would be from the general fund.

Simplification of the application and renewal process may result in saving of staff time and could result in the reduction of FTE. The data collection and report to the Legislature can be handled within existing agency resources.