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sHB-6520

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY STATE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Early Childhood, Off.; Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Office of Early Childhood (OEC) associated with providing temporary assistance to domestic violence victims while waiving certain income standards for at least 90 days from the date of application.¹

The number of individuals who would qualify for assistance under the bill is unknown. For context, the average cost per case for 90 days of benefits is approximately \$3,480 for Care4Kids, \$610 for State Administered General Assistance, and \$1,420 for Temporary Family Assistance.

The bill also requires 90 days of expedited assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the extent allowed under federal law. While domestic violence victims are not

¹ The bill requires the state to exclude the income of the victim's credibly accused spouse, domestic partner, or other household member when considering eligibility for SAGA, TFA, and SNAP.

currently entitled to expedited SNAP benefits under federal regulations, the state could incur administrative costs to support system adjustments if this change were to be implemented. SNAP benefits are federally-funded and subject to federal regulations.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

*Sources: Department of Social Services Caseload Information
Office of Early Childhood Caseload Information*