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AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY
REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE AND PENALTIES FOR
FAILURE TO REPORT.

AMENDMENT

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See Fiscal Note Details

Sec. 501 could result in an impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with adjusting penalties for recipients of Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits for noncompliance. For context, the average monthly TFA benefit is \$478 per case. The impact is dependent on the portion of the family benefit applicable to the non-compliant TFA-eligible participant and the number of months of non-compliance.

Sec. 502 allows authorized DSS personnel to administer oaths for affirmation of parentage required for certain assistance programs which results in no fiscal impact.

Sec. 503 makes changes to court proceedings to open or set aside a judgement of parentage and does not result in a fiscal impact.

Sec. 504 could result in a revenue gain to the state by allowing DSS to assess civil penalties on nursing homes for the improper use of increased funding meant for wage enhancements for facility employees. While effective from passage, the provisions of the bill apply to funding for nursing home wage increases included in the FY 22-23 biennial budget (\$47.3 million in FY 22 and \$102.2 million in FY 23). Audits of this funding are not anticipated until late FY 23 and/or FY 24 after cost

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reports are filed, and therefore any associated revenue from potential fines cannot be determined at this time. Civil penalties are limited to 50% of the total amount received for the rate increase but not used for wage enhancements for facility employees.

Sec. 505 - 508, which make changes to the certificate of need (CON) process administered by DSS for certain long-term care facilities, are not anticipated to result in a net fiscal impact as related changes must be consistent with the state's strategic plan for long-term care.

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