

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 4, 2017

Agency Submitting: Department of Health and Human Services, Welfare and Supportive Services

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Testing/Treatment (Expense)		\$935,805	\$1,417,326	\$1,557,843
Personnel Services (Expense)		\$35,153	\$46,856	\$93,712
Operating (Expense)		\$3,392	\$175	\$350
Information Services (Expense)		\$1,961	\$345	\$690
Total	0	\$976,311	\$1,464,702	\$1,652,595

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This bill requires a person to submit to an oral fluid drug screening test as a condition of the receipt of public assistance. Persons whose test indicates the presence of a controlled substance must attend a treatment program and must submit to a subsequent screening test. The bill allows a person who tests positive to request a urinalysis for verification purposes. Failure to submit to a drug screen test or to participate in a treatment program results in the denial or termination of public assistance. Persons who are 65 years of age or older are exempt from screening. The bill also authorizes a person who tests positive to request a hearing to rebut the result of that test.

Estimated fiscal impact to the division is based on applications and participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The TANF program does allow funds for drug testing as a condition of eligibility. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid have federal restrictions which do not allow drug testing as a condition of eligibility. As a result, there is potential for loss of funding if required drug testing is applied to SNAP or Medicaid recipients.

This fiscal note demonstrates projected costs for testing, treatment programs, and one part-time position for a Hearings Officer for the TANF program only. However, because federal regulations prohibit the division from drug testing SNAP and Medicaid recipients as a condition of eligibility, potential costs and/or loss of funding for these programs are included in this fiscal note.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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