

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1405

Patron: McClure

Bill Title: Local departments of social services; burial assistance program.

Bill Summary: Permits local departments of social services to pay the reasonable funeral expenses, not to exceed \$1,000, of a decedent who was a recipient of social services or Supplemental Security Income. The bill prohibits such payment unless persons legally responsible for the support of the decedent are unable to pay the expenses and other benefits are insufficient to pay the expenses.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation permits a local department of social services (LDSS) to pay the reasonable funeral expenses of a decedent meeting the conditions outlined in the bill, not to exceed \$1,000. The bill does not require that any LDSS pay such expenses, nor does it propose new funds for this purpose. While LDSS may elect to provide burial assistance on a case-by-case basis as outlined in the bill, it is not expected that state resources will need to be provided for an elective purpose.

Other: n/a