

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1405 H1

Patron: McClure

Bill Title: Social services, local departments of; burial assistance program.

Bill Summary: As substituted, directs the State Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations to allow a local department 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 provides that such assistance shall be given only if the local department has adequate funding available. The bill exempts the initial promulgation of regulations implementing the provisions of the bill from the Administrative Process Act.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: As substituted, this legislation requires the State Board of Social Services to promulgate regulations permitting 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. It is expected that any cost or workload impacts associated with promulgating regulations will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

The substitute bill provides that burial assistance may be given only when an LDSS has adequate funding available. 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