

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4784H.05C  
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 1817  
 Subject: Public Assistance; Department of Social Services; Department of Health and Senior Services; Counties; Cities, Towns, and Villages  
 Type: Original  
 Date: March 13, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal requires reporting of the number of individuals receiving public assistance in each city, town, village, municipality, or county over one thousand inhabitants.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§192.023 and 660.080 - Reporting of the Number of Individuals Receiving Public Assistance

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §192.023.1 of the proposed legislation requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to monthly make a report available on its website that lists for each city, town, or village or county with more than 1,000 inhabitants, the following data for each public assistance program administered by the department: (1) the total number of households enrolled, (2) the total number of people served, (3) the average monthly benefit received per household receiving benefits and (4) the number of households that became ineligible to receive benefits for that public assistance program.

Section 192.023.2 of the proposed legislation clarifies that the report shall not disclose personally identifiable information or confidential information, and the data provided shall be aggregated.

Should the proposed legislation become law, the Bureau of WIC and Nutrition Services will utilize its current personnel resources, data system and software to create the requested report in a dashboard format and publish the dashboard on its website alongside other public data reports. The initial dashboard development would take approximately 40 hours, and the monthly data would be available on the dashboard after the end of every month. It is estimated that the Bureau of WIC and Nutrition Services can absorb the cost of this section with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or if other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

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**Oversight** assumes DHSS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DHSS could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DHSS could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DHSS assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** and the **Office of Administration** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes that the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services  
 Department of Social Services  
 Office of Administration



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