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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6862
BILL NUMBER: SB 260

DATE PREPARED: Jan 22, 1999
BILL AMENDED: Jan 19, 1999

SUBJECT: Family and Social Services Expiration Date.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill extends the current administrative structure of the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) until July 1, 2002. (Current law provides for the expiration of the administrative structure on July 1, 1999.)

The bill also requires FSSA to implement methods to facilitate the payment of providers participating in the Medicaid program and to submit a report to the Legislative Council regarding such methods before July 1, 1999.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Passage of this bill will continue the administrative structure of FSSA as it currently exists in statute. Depending upon the actions of the administration, failure to pass this bill, in practice, would not necessarily have an immediate fiscal impact if the positions were able to be absorbed or reallocated under the existing appropriations.

Current salary and fringe benefit levels of the Secretary of FSSA, four assistant secretaries and three division directors total about \$750,000 per year. Potential costs associated with the Family and Social Services Committee and the 3 division advisory councils would be about \$20,000 per year (based on historical per diem and travel expenditures). Therefore, the total expenditures associated with the 8 administrative positions and the advisory bodies total about \$770,000 per year. (If the statutory elimination of the offices were construed to include all individuals employed within the offices of FSSA, the total personnel costs associated with those positions would be significantly greater.)

FSSA is also required by the bill to determine and implement methods to facilitate the payment of providers participating in the Medicaid program. Any potential costs associated with these different payment methods would depend upon future administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: