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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Stefanics/Lopez/Ortiz y Pino/McKenna **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/23/23

SHORT TITLE SNAP Benefit Transitional Support **BILL NUMBER** Senate Bill 355

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$5,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Contract		\$2,898.7		\$2,898.7	Nonrecurring	General Fund
Staff/Training		\$21.6		\$21.6	Nonrecurring	General Fund
Staff/Training		\$43.9		\$43.9	Nonrecurring	Federal Funds
Total		\$2,964.2		\$2,964.2	Nonrecurring	GF/FF

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Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 355

Senate Bill 355 (SB355) would appropriate \$5 million from the general fund to the Human Services Department to provide three months of transitional support when a supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) recipient's employment earnings result in a loss of eligibility. None of the appropriation may used for associated program administration.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 may be expended in subsequent fiscal year and shall not revert to the general fund.

HSD reports implementation of the provisions of the bill would require additional staff and contract costs totaling \$2.96 million.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD reports the bill lacks clarification on how the three months of transitional support is to be determined and if this would be a set determined amount or will the previous SNAP monthly benefit be provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HSD notes under the provisions of the bill, the creation of a new category of eligibility in the ASPEN eligibility and enrollment IT system would need to be created and it would be impossible to do so by FY24. The earliest it could be implemented is FY25 assuming work will start in July 2023.

The bill proposes to provide transitional SNAP benefits to a total population of 20,808 and the estimated average benefit per household is \$240.30 per month for the three month time period.

Total Number of Households to Receive Extensions in FY24	SB355 Proposed Budget	Average Cost per Household
20,808	\$5,000,000.00	\$240.30

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HSD reports it currently administers a transition SNAP (TFS) program for households that received SNAP and a cash assistance payment.

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