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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY  
AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONCERNING TEMPORARY  
FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$20 million	at least \$20 million

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

**Section 4** of the bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) of at least \$20 million due to increasing the monthly benefit for Temporary Family Assistance recipients from 73% of the standard of need to 55% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The standard of need is 55% FPL (\$993 per month for a family of two). The current monthly benefit amount at 73% of the standard of need is \$725 for a family of two. Consequently, the bill increases the benefit amount (which varies by household size) by approximately 37%. The estimated cost assumes level program enrollment based on caseload trends.

**Sections 1 and 2**, which require the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCSEO) to establish working groups concerning the treatment of eating disorders and development of a state-wide food education roadmap and a model school nutrition curriculum, have no fiscal impact as CWCSEO has the expertise necessary to meet the provisions of the bill.

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**Section 3** requires DCF (in collaboration with DSS and DMHAS) to study the feasibility of establishing a psychiatric treatment inpatient facility to provide services to certain youth who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. DCF must also request information from one or more providers of mental health services in the state concerning the establishment of the inpatient facility. The agency has the necessary expertise to fulfill the section's requirements.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.