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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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Senate Bill 601

(Senator Gladden, *et al.*)

Finance

Appropriations

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Family Investment Program - Work and Education-Related Transportation  
Assistance

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This bill requires the Secretary of Human Resources and the local departments of social services to develop and implement a plan to provide Family Investment Program (FIP) recipients assistance with transportation for employment, job search, or education-related activities, including transportation expenses.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill codifies existing practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** FIP is the State's program for serving welfare recipients. It includes Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), efforts to divert potential applicants from welfare by helping them find employment, moving TCA recipients into jobs, and providing retention services to enhance skills and prevent recidivism. DHR regulations require local departments to provide FIP applicants with various supportive services, including transportation assistance.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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