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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1153 (Delegates McDonough and Impallaria)
 Appropriations

State Public Assistance - Illegal Aliens

This bill requires that an individual must provide proof of U.S. citizenship in order to receive any public assistance under the Department of Human Resources (DHR) Article. The bill is effective only to the extent that it does not conflict with federal requirements in connection with federal funds received for public assistance. DHR must adopt regulations to implement this bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could decrease by \$747,400 in FY 2006 and by \$996,500 beginning in FY 2007. Future years assume a stable number of individuals denied public assistance by DHR and annualization.

(in dollars)	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	(747,380)	(996,507)	(996,507)	(996,507)	(996,507)
Net Effect	\$747,380	\$996,507	\$996,507	\$996,507	\$996,507

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DHR regulations require that, for a person to be eligible for assistance, whether funded by the State or federal government, an individual must be either a U.S. citizen or a legally admitted immigrant.

Background: DHR advises that this bill would affect legally admitted individuals who receive Public Assistance to Adults (PAA), Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP), or Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA). The bill would deny continued assistance to an estimated 1,510 parents, children, and disabled individuals: 56 receiving PAA, 251 receiving TDAP, and 1,203 receiving TCA.

PAA provides cash assistance to disabled Maryland residents and also can help them obtain Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Administration. This program offers cash assistance and medical assistance to needy adults without children who live in assisted living, certified adult residential environment homes, or rehabilitative residences.

TDAP helps low-income, disabled Maryland residents with no other resources obtain cash, medical, and housing assistance. Eligibility requirements include verifying the disability.

The bill also would affect legally admitted parents and children who receive TCA but do not fall into certain eligibility categories in federal law. Specifically affected would be families who are not asylees or refugees, with a parent who has not worked in the U.S. for more than 40 quarters, and those in which a parent who is not active duty military.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures could decrease by \$747,380 in fiscal 2006, reflecting the bill's October 1, 2005 effective date. The information and assumptions used in calculating the estimate are stated below:

- 56 individuals denied PAA with a \$191.67 average monthly benefit per person;
- 251 individuals denied TDAP with a \$185 average monthly benefit per person;
and
- 1,203 individuals denied TCA with a \$151.46 average monthly benefit per person.

PAA and TDAP are entirely supported with general funds. Of the individuals served by TCA, DHR uses 85.8% federal funds and 14.2% general funds. Legislative Services assumes that any federal fund savings to TCA as a result of this bill would not reduce federal fund expenditures because those funds are part of a block grant. Legislative Services assumes the federal funds would be redirected to provide other allowable services.

Beginning in fiscal 2007, general fund expenditures could decrease by \$996,507, which reflects a stable number of individuals denied benefits and annualization.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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