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AN ACT DISREGARDING INCOME FROM PILOT CASH ASSISTANCE AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FROM TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to disregard certain income for purposes of eligibility for the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. DSS must disregard financial assistance associated with a family member's participation in (1) an approved pilot program that has developed a plan to study and evaluate the impact and potential benefits of direct cash transfers, and (2) a job training program approved by DSS. Income is disregarded during a client's participation in the program or up to 60 months under the pilot or 36 cumulative months under the job training program.

To the extent this income would have otherwise impacted benefit amounts or eligibility for program participants, DSS will incur related TFA costs. For context, the average TFA cost per case is approximately \$730 per month.

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the applicable programs and disregard amount.