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## OLR Bill Analysis

**SB 1360 (File 135, as amended by Senate "A")\***

### ***AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' MEDICAID DIRECTOR.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the governor to appoint the Department of Social Services (DSS) state Medicaid director with the advice, consent, and confirmation of both legislative chambers. Under the bill, anyone serving as the Medicaid director when the bill passes is deemed an interim director until one is appointed under this process. Under existing law and the bill, if an appointee is rejected to serve in an office by the legislature, he or she may not serve in that office for the remainder of that legislative term.

Under current practice, the DSS commissioner appoints the department's Medicaid director, and this appointment is not subject to legislative confirmation.

The bill also makes a technical change.

\*Senate Amendment "A" eliminates the requirement that the (1) DSS commissioner nominate the Medicaid director for the governor's appointment and (2) legislature confirm or reject the current Medicaid director for the person to continue serving in that role.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21      Nay 1      (03/04/2025)