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sHB-7104 AN ACT DISREGARDING INCOME FROM PILOT CASH ASSISTANCE AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FROM TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Potential Cost

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

The amendment 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, not to exceed 36 cumulative months.

The amendment also requires DSS to disregard income from a direct rental assistance pilot, for purposes of eligibility for any state and federal assistance program administered by DSS.

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

per month.

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