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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY
AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CONCERNING TEMPORARY
FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.

AMENDMENT

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

Sections 1 and 2 of the amendment, which require the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCSEO) to establish working groups concerning the treatment of eating disorders and development of a state-wide food education roadmap and a model school nutrition curriculum, have no fiscal impact as CWCSEO has the expertise necessary to meet the provisions of the bill.

Section 3, which requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to study the feasibility of establishing a psychiatric treatment inpatient facility to serve certain youth who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and report by 7/1/27, has no fiscal impact as the agency has the necessary expertise to do so.

Section 4 of the bill results in a cost to DSS of at least \$20 million due to increasing the monthly benefit for Temporary Family Assistance recipients from 73% of the standard of need to 55% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The standard of need is 55% FPL (\$993 per month

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for a family of two). The current monthly benefit amount at 73% of the standard of need is \$725 for a family of two. Consequently, the bill increases the benefit amount (which varies by household size) by approximately 37%. The estimated cost assumes level program enrollment based on caseload trends.

Section 5 requires school-based health centers to use an evidence-based screening tool for the early identification of disordered eating behavior and to provide that screening tool to certain patients during their annual health assessment, resulting in no fiscal impact.

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