

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

1999-2000 Session

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATED
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB #-4591/1

INTRODUCTION # SB0461

Admin. Rule #

Subject
Elimination of MA Asset Test for Children and Pregnant Women

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns
 - Villages
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Others _____
 - School Districts
 - WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR
- FED
- PRO
- PRS
- SEG
- SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

Under current law, a child under 19 or a pregnant woman is eligible for AFDC-related medical assistance (MA) if he or she meets certain income and asset requirements. Currently, a child under the age of 19 or a pregnant woman is eligible for AFDC-related MA if his/her income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level and assets do not exceed one home, one automobile, and \$2,000 in cash. Children under the age of 19 who apply for AFDC-related MA as a family (individuals under the age of 19 with dependents and/or married) are eligible if income does not exceed 133.33% of the maximum payment amount under the former AFDC program and assets do not exceed one home, one automobile, and \$3,000 in cash assets for a family of two plus \$300 for each additional dependent family member. Under this bill, a child under the age of 19 or a pregnant women would be eligible for AFDC-related MA based on income alone; no calculation of assets would be required to determine AFDC-related MA eligibility.

This bill has no fiscal effect because the proposed legislation will not affect MA eligibility of children under the age of 19 or pregnant women. The proposed elimination of the asset test for AFDC-related MA eligibility does not affect eligibility because, although under current law asset determinations are required for AFDC-related MA for children under 19 and pregnant women, these individuals are also eligible for MA under the OBRA Kids and Teens program and the Healthy Start program which do not require an asset test. Therefore there will be no effect on MA eligibility, no additional MA eligible individuals, and no additional cost under this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

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