

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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| LRB Number 11-2302/1 | Introduction Number AB-0255 | |
| Description FoodShare benefits for legal immigrants | | |
| Fiscal Effect | | |
| State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs | | |
| Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | | |
| 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts | | |
| Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.435 (4)(bn) | | |
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would restore FoodShare benefits to legal immigrants who would be eligible for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits except they do not meet federal citizenship requirements.

The federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) implemented a number of changes in federal public assistance programs for legal immigrants, termed "qualified aliens" in federal law. PRWORA restricted FoodStamp benefits to a limited group of qualified aliens who met specific criteria: a) certain refugees, aliens granted asylum, and immigrants whose deportation was withheld; (b) permanent residents who had worked for a total of 40 qualifying quarters; or (c) legal immigrant members of the armed services on active duty, veterans with honorable discharges unrelated to immigrant status, and their spouses.

Subsequent federal legislation restored eligibility for federal Food Stamp benefits for the following individuals, if they meet the program's financial criteria: (a) disabled qualified aliens; (b) qualified aliens who are under the age of 18; and (c) any qualified alien who has lived in the United States for more than five years. The population that would become eligible for benefits under this bill would be non-disabled legal immigrants over 18 years of age who have resided in the United States for five years or less and meet all other SNAP criteria.

The State of Wisconsin provided FoodShare benefits to qualified aliens from 1997 through July 2011; the program was eliminated in Wisconsin Act 32. This estimate uses participant and benefit amount information from that time period to project future benefit amounts. It is assumed benefit amounts for the FoodShare program for qualified aliens would be calculated using the federal FoodShare benefits formula. Based on historical trends, approximately 2,325 qualified aliens would participate in the program in SFY 12 and 2,875 would participate in SFY 13. The estimated annual cost of this bill is \$2,359,200 GPR in SFY 12 and \$2,962,200 GPR in SFY 13. All costs of the program would be state funded; federal funds are not available for this benefit.

The funds provided in the bill are insufficient to fully fund the State Option for Qualified Aliens FoodShare program. In order to fund the bill's proposed benefits from the Income Maintenance appropriation under s. 20.435 (4)(bn), the Department would need to use funding previously designated for Income Maintenance activities and the FoodShare employment and training program, resulting in a funding decrease to those programs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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| I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): | | |
| <p>This bill would impact counties by reducing the dollars available for income maintenance and FoodShare Employment and Training activities and re-allocating those funds to the FoodShare State Option for Qualified Aliens. One time costs to re-program the eligibility determination and management system, CARES, are estimated to be approximately \$20,000 GPR. These expenses would not be eligible for federal matching funds.</p> | | |
| II. Annualized Costs: | | Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from: |
| | Increased Costs | Decreased Costs |
| A. State Costs by Category | | |
| State Operations - Salaries and Fringes | \$ | \$ |
| (FTE Position Changes) | | |
| State Operations - Other Costs | | |
| Local Assistance | | |
| Aids to Individuals or Organizations | 2,962,200 | |
| TOTAL State Costs by Category | \$2,962,200 | \$ |
| B. State Costs by Source of Funds | | |
| GPR | 2,962,200 | |
| FED | | |
| PRO/PRS | | |
| SEG/SEG-S | | |
| III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.) | | |
| | Increased Rev | Decreased Rev |
| GPR Taxes | \$ | \$ |
| GPR Earned | | |
| FED | | |
| PRO/PRS | | |
| SEG/SEG-S | | |
| TOTAL State Revenues | \$ | \$ |
| NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT | | |
| | <u>State</u> | <u>Local</u> |
| NET CHANGE IN COSTS | \$2,962,200 | \$ |
| NET CHANGE IN REVENUE | \$ | \$ |
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