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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would require DHS to submit a waiver to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to authorize DHS to screen and, if indicated, test and treat non-exempt able bodied adults without dependent children (ABAWD) who participate in the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program for use of a controlled substance without a valid prescription for the controlled substance. If the waiver is approved, DHS must submit a plan, consistent with the approved waiver, to the Joint Committee on Finance for approval.

The fiscal effect of this bill on the Department is indeterminate. The Department would incur costs to develop and administer screens and tests, to provide treatment services to individuals with positive drug tests, and to modify information systems to support this process. These costs will depend on decisions regarding the particular screening instruments and tests to be used, the entities that will administer the tests, and the providers who deliver treatment services. These program details will not be known until the Department develops and receives approval for the federal waiver. Therefore, the precise fiscal estimate of the bill cannot be estimated at this time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications