

## Fiscal Estimate - 2025 Session

☒ Original      ☐ Updated      ☐ Corrected      ☐ Supplemental

LRB Number **25-2368/1**

Introduction Number **AB-0176**

### Description

financial eligibility for the Alzheimer's family and caregiver support program

### Fiscal Effect

#### State:

☒ No State Fiscal Effect

☐ Indeterminate

☐ Increase Existing  
Appropriations

☐ Decrease Existing  
Appropriations

☐ Create New Appropriations

☐ Increase Existing  
Revenues

☐ Decrease Existing  
Revenues

☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to  
absorb within agency's budget

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Decrease Costs

#### Local:

☐ No Local Government Costs

☐ Indeterminate

1. ☐ Increase Costs

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

2. ☐ Decrease Costs

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenue

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

4. ☐ Decrease Revenue

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

#### 5.Types of Local Government Units Affected

☐ Towns

☐ Village

☐ Cities

☐ Counties

☐ Others

☐ School  
Districts

☐ WTCS  
Districts

### Fund Sources Affected

☐ GPR

☐ FED

☐ PRO

☐ PRS

☐ SEG

☐ SEGS

### Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.435 (7)(b)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program provides up to \$4,000 per year for caregiving services and goods to care for someone with Alzheimer's disease. Under current law, the Department allocates a fixed amount of \$3,058,600 GPR to counties and tribes per year for the program.

Under current law, a person is financially eligible for the program if the joint income of the person with the disease and their spouse is \$48,000 or less. This bill would eliminate the financial eligibility requirement to participate in the program.

The financial eligibility criteria for this program has been a barrier for some families who wish to access the program. It is expected that a greater number of families will be eligible for participation in the program as a result of the eligibility change included in this bill. However, the bill does not modify the amount appropriated for the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program. Under the bill, the Department will continue to contract \$3,058,900 GPR per year to counties and tribes.

The bill's provisions may result in individual counties receiving more federal funding. The state's Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support program has a federally funded counterpart, the National Family Caregiver Support Program, which provides \$2,961,600 FED annually. The federal program has a 25% matching requirement; the requirement has historically been met through the use of state Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support funds. However, federal law was modified to clarify that entities cannot use state programs with an income eligibility requirement to meet the matching requirement. Under these conditions, some counties have indicated they will be unable to utilize the federally funded Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program because the county does not have an eligible program to meet the federal matching funds requirement. This bill would enable those counties to use their Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program GPR as match to the federal program, resulting in increased access to federal funds. The estimate of increased federal funds is unknown at this time.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications