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Federal Revenue Reestimates -- TANF-Converted Social Services Block Grant (DHS -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

Most funding the state receives under the federal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant is budgeted to support programs administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). One exception is TANF funds the state uses for purposes consistent with the federal social services block grant (referred to as "TANF-converted SSBG"), which are budgeted directly for use by the Department of Health Services (DHS). States may use up to ten percent of their TANF block grant for SSBG purposes. Currently, base funding for TANF-converted SSBG is \$14,837,300 FED. Of this amount, \$11,226,200 is budgeted for DHS to distribute as part of the basic county allocations in the community aids program, and \$3,611,100 is transferred to DCF to partially fund children and family aids.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$2,474,300 FED and \$2,495,300 FED in TANF-converted SSBG funding for DHS. This change would include corrections to the base level of funding, and adjustments for the amount allocated to DHS and DCF.

MODIFICATION

Increase TANF-converted SSBG funding by \$304,900 FED annually. In addition, specify that SSBG and TANF-converted SSBG funds budgeted in DHS would "include amounts to be transferred" to DCF.

Explanation: This funding modification would correct the amount of TANF-converted SSBG funding budgeted in DHS to correspond with the amount that DCF plans to transfer. This would include the following annual changes: (a) an increase of \$20,500 to correct the amount of base funding budgeted in DHS; (b) an increase of \$184,400 to fully

fund the amount that DCF expects to be transferred to that department for children and family aids; and (c) \$100,000 for the child care food program in DCF. With these modifications, the amount budgeted in DHS would match the amount of TANF funds DCF plans to use for SSBG-consistent purposes.

The statutory change was requested by DOA to clarify that the current provision that transfers SSBG and TANF-converted SSBG to a new PR appropriation in DCF does not imply that all funds budgeted under that DHS appropriation must be transferred. This modification corrects for this possible ambiguity in the current statutory provision, and clarifies that the amounts in that DHS appropriation only "include" amounts to be transferred to DCF.

Change to Bill Funding	
FED	\$609,800

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