

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/21/2017

Amendment to: SB 2206

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

| | 2015-2017 Biennium | | 2017-2019 Biennium | | 2019-2021 Biennium | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | \$242,057,732 | \$275,000,000 | \$275,000,000 | \$275,000,000 |
| Appropriations | | | \$242,057,732 | \$275,000,000 | \$275,000,000 | \$275,000,000 |

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

| | 2015-2017 Biennium | 2017-2019 Biennium | 2019-2021 Biennium |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counties | | | |
| Cities | | | |
| School Districts | | | |
| Townships | | | |

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Engrossed SB 2206 requires the funding of county social services be transferred from the county to the state. Section 10 of SB 2206 maintains the credit against payments in lieu of taxes paid by electric transmission and distribution companies.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 3 of Engrossed SB 2206 requires a change in the payment methodology used by the Department of Human Services (Department) to reimburse counties for economic assistance and social service programs for calendar years after December 31, 2017, continuing the property tax relief previously provided to counties.

The Department's budget, Engrossed HB 1012 and OMB's budget, Engrossed HB 1015 do not contain funding for the new payment methodology contained in Engrossed SB 2206. In order to pay the counties using the new methodology Engrossed HB 1015 would need to include a \$275,000,000 general fund transfer to the County Social Service Financing Fund and Engrossed HB 1012 would need to include an increase of \$275,000,000 in other fund authority and a decrease of \$32,942,268 in general fund authority to pay counties from January 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.

2015 SB 2144 eliminated the county social services emergency levy (Levy 1222). Levy 1222 was available if the number of mills needed to fund county social services exceeds 20 mills. A Human Service Grant was added to 2015 SB 2206 for counties that had historically used the emergency levy. Therefore authority to use Levy 1222 would need to be restored to the counties if the bill does not pass, or language would need to be added to a bill to implement the Human Service Grant program.

Section 5 of Engrossed SB 2206 was amended to reflect the Department's authority to withhold funding from the service areas in the event the service area fails to perform duties directed or assigned and supervised by the Department.

Section 10 of Engrossed SB 2206 maintains the credit against payments in lieu of taxes paid by electric transmission and distribution companies. There is no fiscal impact associated with this section.

The 19-21 biennium amounts reflected above provides funding for the new payment methodology with no inflationary increases or other formula changes for both CY 2020 and CY 2021.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The Department's 2017-2019 budget contained in Engrossed HB 1012 would need additional other fund authority of \$275,000,000 and a decrease of \$32,942,268 in general fund authority. OMB's 2017-2019 budget contained in Engrossed HB 1015 would need authority to transfer \$275,000,000 general fund to the Social Service Financing Fund.

For the 19-21 biennium without consideration of inflationary increases or other formula changes, the Department and OMB would need other fund and general fund authority respectively, of \$275,000,000 to continue the property tax relief payments.

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