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sHB-5426 AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL VENDOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, A COMMON HEATING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION, AND STUDIES REGARDING BULK FUEL PURCHASES AND VENDOR PAYMENT BEST PRACTICES.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish pricing standards for deliverable fuel under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), by 8/1/25, to fairly compensate fuel vendors while maintaining the maximum amount of funding for benefits under the program. While the amendment does not result in a net fiscal impact to the state, it is anticipated to impact the allocation of federal LIHEAP funds across program components.

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