

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1339 - SB 1505

March 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to actively seek, apply for, and then utilize federal grants and funding for the purpose of alleviating childhood hunger, and to submit a report by February 1 of every year beginning in 2024, to the Chairs of the Health committees of the Tennessee General Assembly (TGA) on funds DHS applied for.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, DHS is required to seek, apply for, and utilize available federal funds within 90 days of the passage of the legislation.
- The language of the proposed legislation does not specify whether DHS is required to utilize all federal funding it currently possesses, or simply those that have been sought and applied for within those 90 days.
- According to information provided by DHS, several of the federal funding programs they currently participate in do not allow for discretion or flexibility on a timeframe to utilize that funding; therefore, DHS may be seen as uncompliant with the proposed legislation in this regard.
- Although a review of all available federal funding opportunities within 90 days may create an increase in the workload required of DHS grant writers, this increase can be covered within existing personnel; therefore, it will not result in an increase in state expenditures.
- DHS will be able to create and submit an annual report to the TGA by utilizing existing resources, without a significant increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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