



March 20, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017098): Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to actively seek and apply for federal grants and funding, and encourages them to do so within 90 days of the effective date of this act for the purpose of alleviating childhood hunger. Requires DHS to submit a report by February 1 of every year beginning in 2025, to the Chairs of the Health committees of the Tennessee General Assembly (TGA) on funds DHS: applied for; received; has been denied for; did not apply to and their reasoning; and, any other federal funding that is available for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, DHS is authorized to seek, apply for, and utilize available federal funds and encouraged to do so within 90 days of the passage of the legislation.
- 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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