

Fiscal Note

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Title: MED. ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT
Sponsor: KELLY
Requester: Senate Finance

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services
Allocation: Office of Administrative Hearings
OMB Component Number: 2771

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019					
Personal Services			***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time			***	***	***	***	***
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

This revised fiscal note acknowledges that individuals who are denied or terminated from Medicaid eligibility because of new work requirements in SB193 may seek a hearing due to that denial. Although OAH does not have the current capacity to handle this added caseload, the extent of OAH involvement cannot be determined and an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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SB 193 amends AS 47.07.036 to direct the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to apply for a waiver under 42 U.S.C. 1315 to require 20 hours of work or comparable work search, volunteer, subsistence, or educational activities for adults to be eligible for Medicaid, unless an exemption applies. Exemptions would apply to persons under 18 or over 64, individuals unable to work for medical reasons, parent caretakers of children up to age 1, parent caretakers of disabled children, caretakers of relatives so disabled as to require 24-hour care, and parent caretakers of children up to age 6 if the caretaker can show that child care is unavailable.

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) provides hearings in accordance with federal and state law to individuals who appeal a denial or termination of Medicaid eligibility. These appeal services are funded through a reimbursable services agreement from DHSS. OAH employs a federally-approved uniform billing rate, whereby agencies whose decisions are appealed pay the cost of judge time, including an allocated portion of overhead. Work requirement appeals are moderately expensive to process, in that they often require fairly extensive factual development about the nature of a particular job termination, the extent of a person's disability, or similar issues.

Out year costs and positions are indeterminate as it is unknown at this time if the waiver will be approved and how much flexibility will be allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).