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TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB322 by Dukes (Relating to a study regarding the costs and benefits of providing presumptive eligibility for Medicaid to certain applicants for federal disability benefits.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct a study to determine the costs and benefits to the state of providing presumptive eligibility for Medicaid to each person who applies for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and who appears to meet the income and asset limits for those benefits, during the period the person's application is pending.

The results of the study shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives with primary jurisdiction over the Medicaid program, not later than October 1, 2008.

HHSC estimates that the study would be conducted using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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