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TO: Honorable James B. Frank, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1516 by Parker (Relating to regular efficiency audits of public benefits programs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the State Auditor to select a third-party auditor to conduct an efficiency audit of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and State Temporary Assistance and Support Services Program every six years, starting in fiscal year 2022. The Health and Human Services Commission would be responsible for paying costs associated with the efficiency audit out of existing resources. The Legislative Budget Board would be responsible for establishing guidelines for the scope and areas of investigation for the efficiency audit.

The State Auditors Office indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. It is assumed that any costs to the Health and Human Services Commission and the Legislative Budget Board associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 308 State Auditor's Office, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm

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