

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB224 by Perry (Relating to simplified certification and recertification requirements for certain persons under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 33 of the Human Resources Code by adding a new section to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to implement certain simplified certification and recertification requirements for individuals 60 years or older, or individuals with a disability as determined by the commission, or individuals with no earned income.

The bill requires HHSC to use data matching to help enroll certain Medicaid recipients into the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP). All SNAP benefits are federally funded; therefore, there would be no additional cost to the state for an increase in the numbers of recipients receiving benefits, however, there would be an incremental increase in administrative costs. According to HHSC, implementing the provisions of this bill would result in no significant fiscal impact. It is assumed that these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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