



149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 11
SPONSOR: Representative Bentz
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This Act is effective upon its enactment.
2. This Act removes the prohibition against receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds by persons convicted of a drug felony. TANF is the cash assistance program that is the principal form of assistance available to most families in poverty to pay for things like electricity bills or school supplies.
3. Currently, the children can receive TANF even if an adult is disqualified. Thus, this Act would increase the household payment by \$69.00 if Delaware allowed a drug felon parent to be included in the grant.
4. There are currently 49 drug felon parents participating in TANF. Assuming the grant would increase these families by \$69.00, the monthly additional cost of adding these clients would be \$3,381 a month or \$40,572 annually.
5. Due to client notice requirements and necessary computer system changes there will be a delay in the implementation of this requirement. As a result of these delays, the costs estimates reflect 10 month funding for the first year and the annualization of funding for the second and third years.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2018: \$33,810 (10 month funding)
Fiscal Year 2019: \$40,572
Fiscal Year 2020: \$40,572

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