

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/17/2017

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1427

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$80,599			
Appropriations			\$80,599			

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

A bill to provide determination of refugee absorptive capacity and to define refugee resettlement organization duties.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

An entity outside of state government has been delegated by the state and recognized by the federal government to administer the refugee assistance program in North Dakota.

The Department of Human Services (Department) would be responsible for the duties on page 5 lines 7-8 and lines 15-16. These two areas require changes to the current eligibility systems to identify secondary migration of refugees coming into the state from other states and to continue to track the public assistance benefit enrollment of individuals after they lose their refugee status. The estimated cost of the required changes is \$80,599, of which all would be general fund.

However, if the implementation date is delayed until January 1, 2018 the TECS and VISION eligibility systems would not need changes due to the implementation of the new SPACES eligibility system. The estimated cost with a delayed implementation date is \$24,200.

There are additional administrative impacts to the Department for the requirements involved in section 2; however existing staff will need to absorb these responsibilities.

There would be no fiscal impact for the 19-21 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

In the 17-19 biennium the Department of Human Services would incur additional operating expenditures of \$80,599, of which all is general fund, for changes to the eligibility systems.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The Department of Human Services would need a general fund appropriation increase of \$80,599, to HB 1012 for the 17-19 biennium.

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