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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill / Resolution No.: Requested by Legislative Council

Amendment to: Engrossed SB 2114
Date of Request: 03/25/99

- 1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

This engrossed bill contains minor corrections to the state's welfare reform law and requires the department to report to the legislative council or an interim study committee on the proportion of adults living in Indian country who are unemployed. The bill further requires the department to negotiate with the tribal government of any Indian tribe in the state to establish a pilot project to begin operation no sooner than July 1, 2001.

This fiscal note is based upon the assumption that the Turtle Mountain Tribe will be the pilot project. The revenues and expenditures will decrease proportionately as other tribes desire to establish a pilot.

Further issues to consider:

- Removal of tribe members, living in Indian country from the State Program should lessen the risk of federal penalty for failure to meet the work requirement.
- TANF operation by a tribe would alleviate the administrative impact on the county and the State administrative reimbursement included in the Department's appropriation for Indian counties could be reduced or eliminated.
- The State's maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for the TANF block grant would be reduced proportionately based on the amount allocated to the tribe for TANF operations.
- State funds provided to the tribe for TANF operations may be used to meet the State's MOE requirement.
- If the tribe's operation of TANF differs from the State Program, the State would have to modify the TEEM computer system if the State administers the tribal program under contract.
- The State would realize a decrease in retained dollars as the county staff time spent on State TANF cases would be decreased.
- Further analysis of the fiscal impact will result as specific negotiations with the tribes proceed.

- 2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

Table with 3 columns: 1997-1999 Biennium, 1999-2001 Biennium, 2001-2003 Biennium. Rows: Revenues, Expenditures. Values: Revenues (240,440), (6,247,438); Expenditures (-0-, -0-, 2,823,354, (5,883,480)).

- 3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

Table with 2 columns: Revenue, Expenditures. Rows: a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: -0-; b. For the 1999-01 biennium: -0-; c. For the 2001-03 biennium: (6,487,878) (3,060,126)

- 4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

Table with 3 columns: 1997-1999 Biennium, 1999-2001 Biennium, 2001-2003 Biennium. Rows: Revenues, Expenditures. Values: Revenues (-0-, -0-, 240,440); Expenditures (-0-, -0-, -0-)

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