

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/20/2009

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1477

1A. **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.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$356,703		\$356,703
Expenditures			\$209,297	\$356,703	\$209,297	\$356,703
Appropriations						

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

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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

This bill increases the pre-need funeral set aside for Medicaid eligible clients from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

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.*

Section 1 of the bill increases the amount allowed to be set aside for pre-need funeral costs. It is estimated that 283 individuals per year will be impacted. Allowing the medicaid eligible client to set aside additional funds results in Medicaid paying a greater share of the medical costs. The Department estimates that only half of the \$2,000 increase will be spent on an individual's care. (283 x 2 years x \$2,000 x 1/2.)

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.*

The department will be able to access \$356,703 of federal Medicaid funding.

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.*

Increased expenditures under the Medicaid grant program in the grants line item are expected to be \$566,000 in total of which \$209,297 are from the general fund.

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 is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The executive budget for the Department of Human Services (HB 1012) includes the necessary funding for the law change.

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