

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**04/14/2015**

Amendment to: SB 2206

- 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.*

|                       | 2013-2015 Biennium |             | 2015-2017 Biennium |                | 2017-2019 Biennium |                |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                       | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds    | General Fund       | Other Funds    |
| <b>Revenues</b>       |                    |             |                    | \$(18,837,178) |                    | \$(26,497,735) |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   |                    |             | \$23,212,165       | \$(18,837,178) | \$31,065,711       | \$(26,497,735) |
| <b>Appropriations</b> |                    |             |                    |                | \$31,065,711       | \$(26,497,735) |

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

|                         | 2013-2015 Biennium | 2015-2017 Biennium | 2017-2019 Biennium |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Counties</b>         |                    | \$(23,212,165)     | \$(31,065,711)     |
| <b>Cities</b>           |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>School Districts</b> |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Townships</b>        |                    |                    |                    |

- 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).*

SB2206 requires the Department; to assume responsibility from the County Social Service Boards for costs of certain social service programs, and to provide a legislative management study.

- 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 SB2206 requires county social service boards to submit their 2016 budget identifying the reduction in county social service funding responsibility derived from transferring costs of certain social service programs from the county social service boards to the Department of Human Services. The Department shall compute the amount of budget savings for each county created by the department's assumption of certain social service program costs and report the amount to the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall calculate the mill levy reduction in each county made possible by the program costs assumed by the state and deduct that amount from the human services mill levy of the county in effect for taxable year 2014. Applied to the resulting mill levy will be the percentage of the salary and benefits increase provided by legislative appropriations for state employees for taxable year 2015 to determine the mill levy limit for that county's human services mill levy for taxable year 2015. Applied to taxable year 2015 human services mill levy will be the percentage of the salary and benefits increase provided by legislative appropriations for state employees for taxable year 2016 to determine the county's human service mill levy for taxable year 2016 and each taxable year thereafter. The county share of the human service budget must be funded entirely from the county's property tax levy for that purpose and may not use funds from any other source available for that purpose, with the exception of funds received from the human services grant program.

The \$19,312,165 of transferred costs would include the county portion of foster care and subsidized adoption assistance payments, medical assistance payments for therapeutic foster care services, service payments for the elderly and disabled (SPED), county administrative costs for providing family preservation services, computer processing costs for the technical eligibility system, and the costs of electronic benefit transfers for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP).

Section 6 of SB2206 establishes a human services grant program to counties who have historically utilized the emergency human services mill levy set forth in chapter 50-03 and which is adjacent to or part of an Indian reservation, of which contains Indian trust land within the service area of a federally recognized Indian tribe and is occupied by enrolled members of the tribe or which includes the state hospital. \$3,900,000 is included in the Bill for

the grant program and limits the use of the funds to \$1.9 million in the first year of the biennium and \$2.0 million in the second year.

Section 12 of SB2206 requires a Legislative Management Study to study the feasibility and desirability for a proposal to transfer the operating costs of the County Social Service programs from the county property tax levies to the State's General Fund. The study would include a timeline for the major milestones of the transition plan and estimated property tax reduction. Legislative management shall assign the study to an interim committee which would be required to report the findings to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

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 decrease in other revenue represents the county funds the Department will not receive due to transferring certain social service programs from the county social service boards to the Department. The revenue received from the county would decrease by \$18,837,178 in the 15-17 biennium and \$26,497,735 in the 17-19 biennium. The counties would have a property tax savings of \$23,212,165 and \$31,065,711 in the 15-17 and 17-19 biennium's, respectively.

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 15-17 Biennium the Department would have an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$23,212,165 and a decrease in other fund expenditures of (\$18,837,178) for a net increase of \$4,374,987, which includes \$3,900,000 for a human service grant program. In the 2017-2019 biennium the Department would have an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$31,065,711 and a decrease in other fund expenditures of (\$26,497,735) for a net increase of \$4,567,976, which includes \$3,900,000 for a human service grant program. The counties would have a decrease of expenditures of \$18,837,178 and \$26,497,735 for the 15-17 and 17-19 biennium's, respectively.

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.*

Appropriation for the 15-17 biennium will not need to be added since it has already been included in SB2012, which is the Department's appropriation bill. The Department's 17-19 budget would need a General Fund appropriation of \$31,065,711 and a decrease in other fund appropriation of (\$26,497,735).

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