

**FY 2012-13: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Summary: House Subcommittee Recommendation
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	FY 2011-12 YTD as of 2/9/12	FY 2012-13 Executive	FY 2012-13 House	FY 2012-13 Senate	FY 2012-13 Enacted	Difference: House From FY 2011-12 YTD	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$35,821,900	\$31,241,700	\$30,581,300			(\$5,240,600)	(14.6)
Federal	5,496,420,500	5,394,076,700	5,530,085,500			33,665,000	0.6
Local	28,679,500	33,549,200	31,182,400			2,502,900	8.7
Private	16,136,400	16,375,800	10,619,700			(5,516,700)	(34.2)
Restricted	123,701,000	88,847,000	82,476,400			(41,224,600)	(33.3)
GF/GP	1,047,330,500	1,028,796,400	1,015,848,500			(31,482,000)	(3.0)
Gross	\$6,748,089,800	\$6,592,886,800	\$6,700,793,800			(47,296,000)	(0.7)
FTEs	11,546.5	11,208.5	11,544.2			(2.3)	(0.0)

Notes: (1) FY 2011-12 year-to-date (YTD) figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 9, 2012, as well as adjustments for Other Post Employment Benefit prefunding under Senate Bill 683.
(2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including both standard line items and appropriations designated as one-time.

Overview

The Department of Human Services (DHS) administers a wide range of programs and services to assist Michigan's most vulnerable families, including public assistance programs that provide direct cash support as well as assistance with food and emergency needs. The DHS is also charged with protecting children and assisting families by administering foster care, adoption and family preservation programs, and by enforcing child support laws. The DHS is also responsible for delivering juvenile justice services and for licensing day care, adult foster care, and child welfare agencies in the state.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2011-12 YTD Appropriations

1. House Adjustment to Current Services Baseline

House reduces funding \$126.5 million Gross (\$32.3 million GF/GP) from adjustments made to the estimated cost to provide current services (Current Services Baseline). House reviewed historic and current expenditure, fund sourcing, and FTE trends for each line item and increased or decreased the line item appropriations based on those data. The line items with the largest reductions are Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits (\$24.5 million Gross, \$14.3 million GF/GP), Information Technology Services and Projects (\$12.7 million Gross, \$6.9 million GF/GP), and Adoption Support Services (\$8.9 million Gross, \$6.7 million GF/GP). These adjustments account for and are in addition to the Executive adjustments made to the Current Services Baseline in items 25, 26, and 27. As background, DHS lapsed \$43.5 million in GF/GP authorization and \$75.1 million in federal TANF funds in FY 2010-11.

	FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/12)	FY 2012-13 House Change
FTE	NA	11.7
Gross	NA	(\$126,491,700)
IDG	NA	(660,400)
Federal	NA	(82,097,000)
Local	NA	(754,800)
Private	NA	(8,333,200)
Restricted	NA	(2,395,000)
GF/GP	NA	(\$32,251,300)

2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Fund Source Deduct

House unrolls the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant from the general "total federal revenues" fund source deduct into its own appropriations fund source deduct.

	FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/12)	FY 2012-13 House Change
Gross	NA	\$0
Federal	NA	(619,690,700)
TANF	NA	619,690,700
GF/GP	NA	\$0

Major Budget Changes From FY 2011-12 YTD Appropriations		FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date (as of 2/9/12)	FY 2012-13 House Change
3. Child Welfare Caseload Adjustments		Gross	\$615,071,400
Reduces funding for child welfare programs \$40.3 million Gross (\$27.0 million GF/GP) as follows:		Federal	(16,849,000)
		Local	3,341,000
		Private	200,000
		GF/GP	(\$27,008,100)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster care payments are reduced \$8.6 million Gross (\$8.1 million GF/GP) from 7,200 cases at \$24,378 per year to 7,150 cases at \$23,340 per year. Adoption subsidies are reduced \$2.0 million Gross (\$1.0 million GF/GP) from 27,450 cases at \$652.50 per month to 27,249 cases at \$651.00 per month. <u>House</u> reduces \$9.8 million Gross (\$9.4 million GF/GP) to 26,250 cases at \$651 per month. The County Child Care Fund is reduced \$23.9 million Gross (\$11.3 million GF/GP). Guardianship assistance payments are increased \$2.0 million Gross (\$1.8 million GF/GP). 			
4. Foster Family Rate Increase		Gross	NA
Increases \$11.3 million Gross (\$6.3 million GF/GP) to increase foster family rates \$3.00 per child per day. New rate would be implemented for current foster care cases, new guardianship assistance cases, and new adoption subsidy cases. The last increase for family rates was implemented in 2004.		Federal	4,167,200
		Local	809,700
		GF/GP	\$6,314,400
5. Private Child Placing Agency Administrative Rate Increase		Gross	NA
<u>House</u> increases \$9.7 million Gross (\$6.8 million GF/GP) to increase private child placing agency administrative rates by \$5.00 per child per day. Boilerplate includes provision that increase will only be provided if state law is amended to eliminate the county match rate for the rate increase.		Federal	2,897,400
		GF/GP	\$6,760,500
6. Child Welfare Staff Reduction		FTE	NA
<u>Executive</u> recommendation includes enough direct foster care case managers and foster care purchase of service monitors to supervise 15,100 child welfare cases. <u>House</u> reduces direct case workers and purchase of service monitors to supervise 14,000 child welfare cases. Latest caseload data show there are 13,700 child welfare cases.		Gross	NA
		Federal	(2,599,100)
		GF/GP	(\$1,732,700)
			(64.0)
7. In-Home Care Incentive Grant Program		Gross	NA
<u>House</u> increases funding for in-home care incentive grant program \$15.0 million Gross. Program would provide counties with an additional grant amount for new or enhanced in-home programs. Assumes program would reduce out-of-home costs by \$10.0 million GF/GP.		Federal	0
		GF/GP	\$5,000,000
8. Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative		FTE	NA
Increases \$1.9 million Gross (\$878,900 GF/GP) to support 18.0 new FTEs to provide assistance to foster youth aging out of foster care. GF/GP would leverage federal funds to help support these new staff. The GF/GP contribution is redirected from other areas of the budget as a result of increasing federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funding.		Gross	NA
		Federal	1,022,900
		GF/GP	\$878,900
			18.0
9. Family Preservation Programs		Gross	\$53,264,200
Increases funding for family reunification \$2.5 million Gross. Funding would support a new Supported Visitation contract and a new Parent Partners contract. Increases Families First \$500,000 Gross. Reduces Strong Families/Safe Children funding \$2.7 million Gross. The new programs emphasize mentoring and enhanced support to parents with a child removed from their home.		Federal	261,600
		GF/GP	\$0
			\$878,900
10. One-Time Funding: Child Welfare Improvements		Gross	NA
<u>Executive</u> increases funding designated as one-time in boilerplate for child welfare improvements by \$5.7 million Gross (\$4.0 million GF/GP). The activities needing additional funding from the boilerplate authorization would be determined through the next Federal Monitor's report. <u>House</u> does not concur with Executive; instead increases funding by \$4.5 million Gross (\$2.5 million GF/GP) for child welfare assessment centers (\$2.0 million GF/GP), youth in transition homeless programs (\$2.0 million federal), and \$500,000 GF/GP for a juvenile justice behavioral health study.		Federal	2,000,000
		GF/GP	\$2,500,000

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11. Other Child Welfare Adjustments	Gross	NA	(\$880,900)
Includes child welfare adjustments as reviewed below:	Federal	NA	(280,900)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases funding for out-patient mental health services \$4.4 million GF/GP. Increases funding for new psychotropic oversight contracts \$1.1 million Gross (\$559,100 GF/GP). Increases Youth in Transition \$15,000 GF/GP. Eliminates \$4.0 million GF/GP for a one-time Needs Assessment. Reduces medical psychiatric evaluations \$1.4 million Gross (\$600,000 GF/GP) by implementing a statewide drug testing contract. Reduces medical subsidies for adoptive youth \$1.0 million GF/GP. 	GF/GP	NA	(\$600,000)
12. State Juvenile Justice Facility Closures	FTE	191.7	(166.0)
<u>House</u> reduces funding \$21.3 million Gross (\$9.2 million GF/GP) by closing all 3 DHS juvenile justice facilities and reducing administrative staff; maintains \$2.4 million GF/GP for closed site costs. Increases foster care payments line \$9.9 million Gross (\$4.9 million GF/GP) to move 90 youth in the 3 DHS facilities to private residential facilities.	Gross	\$25,221,700	(\$11,403,000)
	Federal	465,600	1,193,200
	Local	11,059,000	(8,340,800)
	GF/GP	13,697,100	(\$4,255,400)
13. Public Assistance Caseload Adjustments	Gross	\$4,015,400,000	(\$120,894,800)
Reduces funding for public assistance programs \$120.9 million Gross (\$11.3 GF/GP) as follows:	Federal	3,707,089,500	(102,520,300)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Assistance Program (FAP) is reduced \$68.4 million Gross from 1,103,042 cases at \$271 per month to 996,958 cases at \$271 per month. Family Independence Program (FIP) is reduced \$22.6 million Gross from 69,363 cases at \$407 per month to 61,462 cases at \$427 per month. <u>House</u> reduces \$51.7 million Gross (\$10.5 million GF/GP) to 59,000 cases at \$406.50 per month. State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is reduced \$2.4 million GF/GP from 10,250 cases at \$227 per month to 9,350 cases at \$207 per month. State Supplementation program is increased \$1.6 million GF/GP from 258,500 cases at \$19.50 per month to 268,600 cases at \$19.50 per month. 	Restricted	81,211,700	(7,084,100)
	GF/GP	\$227,098,800	(\$11,290,400)
14. Energy Services Adjustments	FTE	NA	(88.0)
<u>Executive</u> increases federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) based on anticipated federal grant authorization by \$58.5 million. Transfers out \$35.0 million in restricted fee revenue targeted for energy assistance to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). A total of \$60.0 million in restricted fee revenue is appropriated in LARA for energy services. <u>House</u> concurs with federal grant authorization increase, but does not concur with appropriating \$60.0 million in fee revenue in the LARA budget; instead reduces LIHEAP administrative allocation from 10% to 5% reducing 88.0 local office FTEs and redirects \$8.0 million in federal LIHEAP for energy assistance and appropriates \$52.0 million in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) designated as one-time funding.	Gross	\$151,451,600	\$75,500,000
	Federal	116,451,600	110,500,000
	Restricted	35,000,000	(35,000,000)
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
15. Program Increases	Gross	NA	\$10,750,000
<u>House</u> increases \$10.0 million GF/GP for veteran advocacy and special maintenance of state administered veteran homes, \$450,000 GF/GP for food bank funding, and \$300,000 GF/GP for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan to assist state prosecutors, adult protective services, and criminal justice on matters relating to elder abuse and financial exploitation.	GF/GP	NA	\$10,750,000
16. State Supplementation Administration	Gross	\$2,681,100	(\$300,000)
Reduces \$300,000 GF/GP to recognize savings from distributing State SSI Supplementation payments through Electronic Funds Transfer rather than through paper checks.	GF/GP	\$2,681,100	(\$300,000)

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17. Local Office Adult Services Increase	FTE	NA	41.0
Increases local office Adult Services staff by 41.0 FTEs and \$2.9 million Gross (\$924,700 GF/GP). New staff will reduce caseloads per worker from 237:1 to 200:1. Adult Services staff work on both Adult Protective Services and Adult Community Placements.	Gross	NA	\$2,935,700
	Federal	NA	2,011,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$924,700
18. Mobile Worker Initiative	Gross	NA	\$0
Increases funding \$2.4 million Gross (\$935,400 GF/GP) to purchase smart phones and apps to make direct care staff, licensing staff, and inspector general staff more mobile. With more staff in the field, the Executive Recommendation projects savings from rent and leases to offset the costs.	Federal	NA	0
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
19. Stratified Case Management	Gross	NA	\$1,195,000
Increases funding \$1.2 million Gross to launch an initiative to help DHS identify client cases with the most barriers, that use the most services (state, local, or community-based services), and to coordinate services to help persons reach self-sufficiency.	Federal	NA	1,145,000
	Private	NA	50,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
20. Other Local Office Increases	FTE	NA	1.0
Increases security costs \$495,000 Gross (\$352,700 GF/GP) in both ongoing and one-time costs to improve the security and safety at DHS local offices. Increases mileage reimbursement for volunteer services \$225,700 Gross (\$58,700 GF/GP) and adds \$74,800 Gross and 1.0 FTE for SSI advocacy.	Gross	NA	\$795,500
	Federal	NA	309,300
	Restricted	NA	74,800
	GF/GP	NA	\$411,400
21. Transfer in Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Commission for the Blind - E.O. 2012-2	FTE	0.0	657.0
House transfers in 657.0 FTEs and \$174.7 million Gross (\$22.1 million GF/GP) from Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) in anticipation of the formal Executive budget revision transferring in the Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Commission for the Blind into DHS. House also includes the current year boilerplate sections for this transfer. The House budget proposal for the LARA budget also makes this funding adjustment.	Gross	\$0	\$174,673,500
	Federal	0	140,305,700
	Local	0	7,159,900
	Private	0	2,027,800
	Restricted	0	3,108,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$22,071,600
22. Child Support Enforcement - Paternity Testing	Gross	NA	\$1,800,000
Increases funding \$1.8 million Gross (\$612,000 GF/GP) to provide unwed mothers the option to have a paternity test at the hospital to legally identify the father as alternative to the current requirement to sign an affidavit of parentage. Program seeks to avoid future costs of paternity establishment and would be voluntary and not mandated.	Federal	NA	1,188,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$612,000
23. Background Check Program	Gross	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)
Transfers out \$1.0 million GF/GP from the DHS budget to the LARA budget.	GF/GP	\$1,000,000	(\$1,000,000)
24. Other Program Reductions	FTEs	NA	(15.0)
House reduces unclassified salaries and wages 10%, removes FTEs and replaces GF/GP with private funding for the Michigan Community Service Commission, reduces 2-1-1 \$150,000 GF/GP, and eliminates private allocations for the Children's Benefit Fund donations, W.J. Maxey Memorial Fund, and Wayne County gifts and bequests.	Gross	NA	(\$380,600)
	Federal	NA	(25,700)
	Private	NA	549,300
	GF/GP	NA	(\$904,200)
25. Bridges Maintenance and Support	Gross	NA	\$2,218,600
Increases funding for maintenance and support for the Bridges information technology eligibility program by \$2.2 million Gross (\$856,300 GF/GP). Funding will be used for regular Bridges updates and revisions that have had to be delayed due to the number of recent public assistance policy revisions, in addition to IT activities related to transferring out the Child Development and Care (CDC) program to the Office of Great Start within the Department of Education.	Federal	NA	1,353,300
	GF/GP	NA	\$856,300
26. Disability Determination Services	FTEs	721.9	(175.0)
Eliminates funding and FTEs added during FY 2009-10 to again perform eligibility reconsiderations for persons applying for federal SSI and SSDI. The intent was that the reconsideration process would reduce the number of individuals requesting a federal appeal. The FTEs were never hired because the federal government suspended the reconsideration process.	Gross	\$114,949,500	(\$20,904,600)
	IDG	299,900	0
	Federal	113,651,200	(20,904,600)
	GF/GP	\$998,400	\$0

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27. FTE and Federal Authorization Adjustments	FTEs	NA	(43.0)
Reduces FTE authorizations by 43.0 positions within child welfare, children services, and juvenile justice. Reduces federal authorization by \$47.4 million within child support enforcement, child support information technology, and payroll taxes and fringe benefits. These are adjustments to align spending with appropriations rather than program reductions or cuts.	Gross	NA	(\$47,423,900)
	Federal	NA	(47,423,900)
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
28. FY 2011-12 Employee Contingency Plan	FTEs	NA	(182.0)
Reduces budgeted salaries and wages to reflect actual realized salaries and wages by \$21.0 million Gross (\$5.8 million GF/GP). Eliminates funded staff vacancies saving \$6.0 million Gross (\$2.3 million GF/GP). Implements a targeted hiring freeze saving \$7.2 million Gross (\$2.8 million GF/GP) and offsets \$7.8 million GF/GP with TANF savings from the employee contingency plan.	Gross	NA	(\$34,241,100)
	Federal	NA	(15,470,100)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$18,771,000)
29. Employee Economics	Gross	NA	\$21,471,600
Increases employee economic costs related to salary and wages, retirement, insurances, and building occupancy changes by \$10.9 million Gross (\$5.5 million GF/GP). Replaces \$3.9 million in IDG funds from DTMB with federal funds. Increases funding designated as one-time in boilerplate for state employee lump sum payments by \$10.5 million Gross (\$3.9 million GF/GP).	IDG	NA	(4,580,200)
	Federal	NA	15,922,000
	Local	NA	391,400
	Private	NA	219,400
	Restricted	NA	71,200
	GF/GP	NA	\$9,447,800
30. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$0
Reduces GF/GP by \$529,900 from the FMAP federal match rate adjustment from 66.14% to 66.39%. This rate is used to determine federal cost sharing for foster care payments and adoption subsidies.	Federal	NA	529,900
	GF/GP	NA	(\$529,900)
31. Other One-Time Appropriations	Gross	NA	\$36,500,000
<u>House</u> increases federal TANF funds \$34.0 million and GF/GP \$1.5 million, on a one-time basis, in a separate line item unit as follows:	Federal	NA	35,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,500,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20.0 million TANF to nonprofits for capital projects that will improve the delivery of services to needy families. • \$5.0 million TANF for before- or after-school programs. • \$3.0 million TANF to Tuition Incentive Program Phase II. • \$3.0 million TANF to Focus: HOPE to help move families toward self-sufficiency. • \$2.5 million Gross (\$1.5 million GF/GP) for Inspector General information technology upgrades. • \$2.0 million TANF to Homeless programs. • \$1.0 million TANF to Food Bank. 			
32. Anticipated FY 2013-14 Budget Changes			
Reflects anticipated increase from FY 2012-13 budget of \$17.2 million Gross (\$12.8 million GF/GP) for caseload and economic adjustments in FY 2013-14. (Boilerplate intent language only; would not be binding appropriation.)			

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2011-12

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 217. Limits on Out-of-State Travel – REVISED

Limits out-of-state travel to specific conditions; requires report on out-of-state travel exemptions. House removes out-of-state travel limitation; maintains reporting requirement.

Sec. 223. Medicaid Determination Requirements – DELETED

Requires DHS to determine Medicaid eligibility within 60 days when disability is an eligibility factor and within 45 days for all other applicants.

Sec. 224. Medicaid Determination Requirements for Nursing Home Patients – DELETED

Requires DHS to approve or deny Medicaid applications for nursing home patients within 45 days of receipt of necessary information.

Sec. 290. Welfare Fraud Hotline – NEW

House requires DHS to include the welfare fraud hotline phone number on any public advertisement.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2011-12

Sec. 291. E-Verify – NEW

House requires DHS to use E-Verify to verify that new employees and new contractors are legally present in the United States; requires report on implementation.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

Sec. 307. 2-1-1 Statewide Call System – REVISED

Allocates \$550,000 for Michigan 2-1-1 to coordinate and support a statewide 2-1-1 call system; provides that funding shall not exceed 50% of total operating expenses; requires annual report. House allocates \$400,000 and requires 2-1-1 to refer calls of fraud, waste, and abuse to DHS.

ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES

Sec. 424. Employment Support Services Program – NEW

House requires DHS to enter into a contract with a statewide nonprofit to operate the vehicle purchase and vehicle repair programs.

Sec. 425. Employment Support Services Program – REVISED

Requires DHS to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse within the current policy on payments for car repairs and car purchases. House limits car repair allocation to not more than \$500 per year.

Sec. 430. Local Match Requirements for Facilities Establishment Grants – NEW

House requires that the local match for vocational rehabilitation facilities establishment grants shall not exceed 21.3%. Language transferred in from Sec. 603 in the LARA budget.

Sec. 431. Centers for Independent Living – NEW

House requires all funds appropriated to Independent Living shall be used in support of Centers for Independent Living in underserved areas and the build capacity in compliance with federal regulations and consistence with the State Plan for Independent Living. Language transferred in from Sec. 604 in the LARA budget.

Sec. 432. Commission for the Blind Case Services and Carry Forward – NEW

House allows funds appropriation for the MCB include case services and may be used for tuition payments and that DHS may carry forward revenue from local sources that is unexpended to the subsequent fiscal year. Language transferred in from Sec. 610 in the LARA budget.

Sec. 433. Vocational Rehabilitation Matching Funds – NEW

House requires the MRS and MCB work collaboratively with service organizations and governments to identify match dollars and maximize federal vocational rehabilitation funds. Language transferred in from Sec. 611 in the LARA budget.

Sec. 434. Local Support for Subregional Library Services – NEW

House requires a maintenance of effort requirement for subregional libraries to receive state grants for expenditures for library services directly serving the blind and persons with disabilities. Language transferred in from Sec. 613 in the LARA budget.

Sec. 435. Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped – NEW

House permits DHS to provide support and services to organizations and agencies and charge fees for these services. Language transferred in from Sec. 615 in the LARA budget.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Sec. 536. Foster Care Assignment System – DELETED

Establishes criteria requiring DHS to place children within their own county or within a 75-mile radius of the home from which they entered custody except under certain listed circumstances.

Sec. 546. Foster Care Agency Administrative Rates – REVISED

Establishes foster care administrative rate of \$37 for private child placing agencies under contract with DHS; establishes general independent living administrative rate of \$28; establishes specialized independent living administrative rates less than rates provided in FY 2008-09 but more than the general independent living rate. House does not establish special independent living administrative rate and also provides a \$5 foster care administrative rate increase, provided that state law is amended to eliminate the county match rate for the rate increase.

Sec. 578. Mental Health Assessment – DELETED

Requires DHS and child placing agencies to utilize a standardized assessment tool to determine placement and mental health services of children placed with DHS.

Sec. 587. In-Home Grant Program – NEW

House requires DHS to allocate \$15 million for counties that develop new or enhanced in-home and community-based juvenile justice services; requires establishment of program requirements by January 1, 2013; requires annual report.

Sec. 589. Restrictions on Transfer of Foster Care Cases to Private Supervision – REVISED

Prohibits DHS from transferring foster care cases currently under DHS supervision to private agency supervision where the case requires a county contribution for the private agency administrative rate. House revises to require private agencies to be contacted to provide case management what a new foster case opens; requires monthly report on new foster care supervision.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2011-12

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Sec. 604. State Disability Assistance (SDA) Program – REVISED

Establishes requirements for the SDA program. House strikes subsection allowing refugees or asylees who lose federal disability assistance to be eligible for SDA.

Sec. 611. Energy Assistance – NEW

House requires DHS to partner with community agencies and nonprofit entities to provide energy assistance to low income persons.

Sec. 620. Medicaid Eligibility Determination Work Group – REVISED

Requires DHS to convene a work group on privatizing Medicaid eligibility determination. House requires a pilot project in 3 counties to privatize Medicaid eligibility determination; requires report on implementation of pilot projects.

Sec. 655. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plan – NEW

House requires DHS to allocate not more than 5% of federal LIHEAP grant for administrative and planning costs and to not allocate any LIHEAP for weatherization assistance.

Sec. 656. Public Assistance Application Data – NEW

House requires DHS to provide quarterly information on applications received, approved, denied, or pending; requires information to be available statewide and for each county and to be available for each separate public assistance program.

Sec. 657. Extended Family Independence Program (EFIP) Notifications – NEW

House requires DHS to notify individuals eligible for EFIP that receiving EFIP will count toward the federal and state lifetime cash assistance limits.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

Sec. 719. Legislative Notification of Juvenile Justice Changes – DELETED

Requires DHS to notify Legislature at least 30 days before closing or making any change in the status of a state juvenile justice facility, including licensed bed capacity and operating bed capacity.