

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB561
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Author:	Mr. Speaker
Date:	4/10/2023
Impact:	No state impact, 100% TANF

Research Analysis

SB 561 includes substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling as job readiness training as it relates to TANF applications. The measure eliminates benefit increments for additional children. Beginning Nov. 1, 2023, TANF recipients will be screened as part of the required TANF employability plan. If it is determined that the recipient is engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance, their employability plan will include substance abuse treatment and/or mental health counseling as a part of the assigned work activities. During the controlled substance screening, recipients who refuse to participate without good cause will have TANF benefits close.

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Fiscal Analysis

Per the Department of Human Services, there will be no fiscal impact to the state. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), is a federal program, and it will cover one hundred percent (100%) of the costs for substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling for those who participate.

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Other Considerations

None.