

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2406 - SB 2269

February 22, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to identify any federal regulations or state law or rule that inhibits DHS's ability to timely review and approve applications and deliver benefits for the food assistance program, and to submit applications to the federal government, by October 31, 2024, for waivers deemed necessary to alleviate any federal regulations identified.

Requires DHS to submit a report to the Chairs of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and Health Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Librarian, on its findings and the status of any waiver applications submitted, along with any recommendations for statutory changes to facilitate efficient processing and approval of applications and delivery of benefits by December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- DHS will be able to identify laws and regulations that negatively impact the ability to timely review and approve applications and deliver benefits, as well as submit federal waivers, by utilizing existing resources and personnel without any increase in expenditures.
- It is assumed that DHS will not implement changes that violate federal regulations without an approved waiver; therefore, any changes will not put DHS out of compliance with federal requirements, and therefore not threaten any federal funding.
- As required in the proposed legislation, DHS will be able to compile and submit a report by December 31, 2024 without a significant increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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