

## **BILL SUMMARY**

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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2388</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Savings of \$17,313-federal funds</b>

### **Research Analysis**

The Senate Amendment to HB 2388 requires the Department of Human Services to screen adults who apply for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for the use of controlled substances. The measure authorizes the department to request administration of a chemical drug test if it has reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is illegally using a controlled substance and prohibits the cost of the screenings from being passed on to the applicant. The bill also:

- Requires the denial of benefits to an applicant who refuses to participate or who is determined to be illegally using a controlled substance;
- Allows an applicant to submit proof of a negative chemical drug test to challenge the department's finding of illegal substance use;
- Allows an applicant who has successfully complied with a substance abuse treatment program to reapply for benefits after six months from the date of denial;
- Exempts child-only cases and minor parents from the screening requirements; and
- Provides that an alternative payee can be named in cases where a parent has been found ineligible for benefits due to the illegal use of controlled substances.

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### **Fiscal Analysis**

According to DHS personnel if services were eliminated for 84 clients (previous year's number receiving a substance abuse treatment plan) due to a positive controlled substance chemical drug screen, TANF payments and work activities would be reduced by \$226,113 per year, based on an average cost per case of \$3,546. Assuming 200 children would receive child only benefits, the estimated cost would be \$208,800. The potential savings which is 100% federal dollars would be \$17,313. The savings could be offset by additional direct/indirect costs.

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### **Other Considerations**

TANF Federal Block grant definitions, policy, and utilization of funds are considerations.

