BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 1270
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Impact: DHS: \$10.5-11.5 million in state dollars
OHCA: Minimal fiscal impact

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 1270 directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and DHS to verify, respectively, the initial eligibility of every applicant for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to require applicants to complete an identity authentication process. The agencies are also directed to review, on a quarterly basis, information concerning program recipients that may affect their continued eligibility. Further, DHS is prohibited from seeking any waiver of federal work requirements associated with the SNAP program and from establishing resource and income guidelines that exceed federal standards.

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Fiscal Analysis

DHS: Based upon previous caseloads numbers, prior to broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE) requirements, DHS estimates they would have to hire an additional 500-600 FTEs at a cost to the state of \$10,500,000-\$11,500,000 annually. Additional costs will result from reprogramming the on-line application/renewal system.

OHCA: The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, utilizing state and federal data exchanges, currently collects and analyzes most if not all of the information HB 1270 requires, including income verification, citizenship, residency, assets, incarceration status, dual enrollment and death records. Some of these verifications are performed more than quarterly, others less than quarterly.

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Other Considerations

None.

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