

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB4422
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 4422 changes references to the Commission for Human Services to the Department of Human Services as well as changes references to the Immigration and Naturalization Services to United States Citizen and Immigration Services.

HB 4422 requires the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to verify the immigration status of TANF or SNAP applicants using the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlements (SAVE) system. Upon final determination that an applicant's SAVE status indicates they are not lawfully in the country, the Department must notify the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) of the applicant's unverifiable legal presence in the United States. For any application for child-only TANF or child-only SNAP benefits, the Department must also verify the immigration status of the adult applying on their behalf, regardless if the qualified adult is included as a beneficiary or applicant for assistance, and upon final determination that the qualified adult's results do not indicate that the person is lawfully in the United States, the Authority will notify ICE.

The State Department of Health is the administering agency for WIC and may enter into third-party contracts to administer the program. Upon receiving applications for WIC, the Department must verify an applicant's immigration status using the SAVE system. An applicant's legal status in the United States must be confirmed prior to receiving benefits. Upon a determination that their status does not indicate they are lawfully in the country, the Oklahoma Department of Health must notify ICE. For any application for child-only benefits under WIC, the Department must verify the immigration status of the qualified adult applying, regardless if the qualified adult is included as a beneficiary or applicant for assistance, and must notify ICE of the qualified adult's unverifiable legal presence in the United States.

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Fiscal Analysis

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The measure in its current form, requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to verify the legal immigration status of applicants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system.

The SAVE system charges a monthly fee of \$25 and a per verification charge of \$3.10. These unit costs would be payable by DHS and OSDH, resulting in a combined \$600 annual license cost, and a \$3.10 unit cost per verification. These costs would be partially if not completely offset by savings resulting from reduction in the level of fraud related payments of benefits to ineligible illegal immigrants in Oklahoma. The scale of such fraud in Oklahoma is unknown at this time; therefore, it is not possible to forecast at this time whether such savings will or will not fully offset the costs of application verification through the SAVE system.

Officials from DHS anticipate the ability to absorb any costs related to the provisions of the measure without the need for increased appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.