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Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation for 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. An applicant's legal status must be confirmed prior to receiving benefits. Upon final determination that an applicant's SAVE status indicates they are not lawfully in the country, the Department must notify the Oklahoma Attorney General's office. The Office must review the case and notify the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) if an applicant's legal status in the United States is unverifiable. Additionally, the Department of Human Services must post a notice on its website providing information about SNAP and TANF as well as on its application portals notifying applicants that their immigration status will be reviewed and if unverified, ICE will be notified.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form, requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to verify the legal immigration status of applicants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 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, resulting in a \$300 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.

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