

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Gallegos, Gelser, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Tomei
Nays:	Whitsett
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/20, 4/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends sunset on changes to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) to 2015. Removes references to employment-related day care program; clarifies DHS' work with families through Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) program. Extends sunset on state family pre-Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income (SSI/SSDI) program grants for families at same levels as TANF program, until 2015. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statutory language aligned with Governor's budget proposal
- Employment-related day care
- Helping families transition from poverty to stability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes references to employment-related day care program; clarifies DHS' work with families on activities that promote family stability and employment through Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) program. Extends sunset on the state family pre-SSI/SSDI program grants for families at the same levels as TANF program until 2015.

BACKGROUND: Through reforms in 1996, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, TANF, replaced three others: Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS), and Emergency Assistance (EA). TANF is a block grant program that assists recipients with transitions into employment. Its main goals include helping needy families ensure that children are cared for in their own homes, ensuring recipients are prepared for employment, and promoting balanced family units. House Bill 2055A extends the sunset on modifications to the TANF program until 2015, clarifies other assistance program language, and extends the sunset on pre-SSI/SSDI program grants until 2015.