

SB 556 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser Blouin

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/07/23

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Hansell, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

Exc: 1 - Girod

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Evans, Gomberg, Holvey, Lewis, McLain, Pham K, Sanchez, Valderrama

Exc: 2 - Reschke, Smith G

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Department of Human Services

2023-25

Budget Summary*

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464,369	\$ 464,369	100.0%
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (388,519)	\$ (388,519)	100.0%
Federal Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,722	\$ 117,722	100.0%
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193,572	\$ 193,572	100%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2023

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

Senate Bill 556 appropriates \$464,369 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to supplement lost revenue in the Child Welfare program and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities program for continued payments to foster parents or relative caregivers related to a child in care’s maintenance expenses. The DHS Child Welfare program will also receive an additional \$117,722 in federal funds under the Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for foster care expenses.

Revenue collected by DHS on behalf of a child in care will no longer be expended by the Department. The revenue will be deposited in an account for the child established with the Treasury.

Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 556 prohibits DHS from using money the Department receives on behalf of a child ward to make payments to a foster parent or relative caregiver for the cost of providing the child with food, clothing, housing, daily supervision, personal incidentals, and transportation. The only exceptions to this rule are funds received by the Department for child support or as specifically required by state or federal law. Following passage of this measure, any funds DHS receives on behalf of a child ward must be deposited into an account for the child established with the Treasury. The measure also proscribes when DHS or the child’s representative may disburse or distribute funds. Historically, DHS had been able to utilize some of the funding received on behalf of the child ward to offset the expenses realized by foster parents or relative caregivers for the child in care’s maintenance expenses.

The Subcommittee recommended an Other Funds expenditure limitation decrease of \$388,519 for the Department's Child Welfare program. Under the provisions of this measure, the funding received on behalf of the child will be deposited in a Treasury account for the child and no longer expended by the Department to foster parents or relative caretakers.

To ensure the Department can continue assisting foster parents and relative caregivers with a child's maintenance expenses, the Subcommittee recommended a budget increase for two DHS programs:

- \$270,797 General Fund and \$117,722 Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Child Welfare program.
- \$193,572 General Fund for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities program.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Department of Human Services
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 060-10 - Child Welfare Programs									
Special Payments	\$ 270,797	\$ -	\$ (388,519)	\$ -	\$ 117,722	\$ -	\$ -		
SCR 060-09 - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities									
Special Payments	\$ 193,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193,572		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 464,369	\$ -	\$ (388,519)	\$ -	\$ 117,722	\$ -	\$ 193,572	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 464,369	\$ -	\$ (388,519)	\$ -	\$ 117,722	\$ -	\$ 193,572	0	0.00

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures