

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 2268

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Robert B. Bell

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Food Stamps; eligibility for transitional benefits

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the Department of Social Services, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide transitional food stamp benefits for a period of not more than five months after the date on which Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance is terminated. However, no household shall be eligible for transitional food stamp benefits if TANF cash assistance was terminated because all children in the assistance unit were removed from the home as a result of a child protective services investigation.

6. Fiscal impact is preliminary (see item 8)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This legislation will end a provision that allows Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients to receive transitional food stamp benefits (for up to five months) for themselves and their children even though the children have been removed from the home by child protective services. There is insufficient data to estimate the amount of savings that will accrue in the food stamp program due to the closing of this loophole. However, it will have no general fund impact since all food stamp funding is federal.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:
Department of Social Services

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources