

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 997

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ransone, Margaret B.

**3. Committee:** -

**4. Title:** Public assistance; written and oral information to applicant

**5. Summary:** The substitute proposal requires local departments of social services to provide each applicant for public assistance with information (either electronically or written) associated with the rights and responsibilities of the applicant with regard to eligibility. This information must also be provided orally to the applicant by an employee of the local department. In addition, applicants are required to acknowledge, in a board approved format, that they have received the above information and that acknowledgement must be retained by the department along with other information regarding the public assistance application.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Social Services maintains that the bill would codify practices that are currently in place as well as require an acknowledgement from the applicant that must be maintained. These provisions are not expected to have a fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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