

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 780

<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:** Wilt, Tony O.

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program; distribution of benefits, restrictions

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill requires that TANF benefits only be issued through debit cards or direct deposits. In addition, it prohibits TANF benefits from being issued in the form of a paper check.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Social Services reports that 93 percent of TANF benefits are currently issued by direct deposit or debit card. The department spends approximately \$1,200 per month to mail paper checks to TANF recipients; based on this, it is assumed that there would be a savings of \$14,400 annually due to the proposal's elimination of paper checks. This savings would accrue to the TANF budget without an impact on the general fund.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 2/4/14