

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2005

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Aird

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

**4. Title:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); eligibility.

**5. Summary:** Makes eligible for TANF any person who is between the ages of 18 and 19 years old and a full-time student in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of career and technical education. Under current law, such persons are eligible for TANF if regularly attending, and expected to graduate from prior to turning 19 years of age, a secondary school or the equivalent level of career and technical education.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. The Governor's introduced budget provides funding for this legislation.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2019	-	-
2020	\$47,400	nongeneral
2021	\$94,800	nongeneral
2022	\$94,800	nongeneral
2023	\$94,800	nongeneral
2024	\$94,800	nongeneral
2025	\$94,800	nongeneral

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill will allow children, who are still in high school or an equivalent career or technical program, to continue to receive TANF assistance, up to age 19. Currently, assistance is terminated at 18, unless the child is expected to graduate by age 19.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) does not currently track the number of children determined ineligible for assistance because they turned 18 prior to graduation, however, DSS estimates that there were 198 case closures for 17-18 year olds in FY 2018, so the agency estimates that approximately half, or 100, would be impacted by this legislation. The average cost of TANF payments for an increase in one person annually is \$948. The program is estimated to cost \$94,800 (\$948 x 100), upon full implementation. It is assumed that only

half of the number of eligible children will participate in FY 2020, as the program begins to phase-in.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.