

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2057

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Public benefits; eligibility of certain aliens.

5. Summary: Repeals provisions prohibiting persons other than United States citizens or persons who are legally present in the United States from receiving certain public benefits.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Social Services (DSS), this bill will not have an impact on DSS because it is contrary to federal requirements for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNA) and the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) mandating legal presence in order to receive benefits. Legal presence can include United States citizenship or qualified aliens, as defined by federal regulations for each program.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) asserts that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on DMAS because it is contrary to federal requirements that cannot be waived by states. Federal requirements mandate legal presence and verification of immigration status in order to receive full benefit Medicaid coverage for most Medicaid groups.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.