

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 871

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Johnson

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: TANF funds to Healthy Marriages and Stable Families

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Department of Social Services (DSS) to spend a minimum of one percent of all funds received each year through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant to fund programs that support the development of healthy marriages and the strengthening of families.

The bill also provides that a portion, not to exceed 10 percent, of this one percent be allocated for identifying best practices and outcomes and that this evaluation component be developed in partnership with a public university or college. Additionally the bill specifies that VDSS shall request any federal waivers or authorizations needed to implement the measure and that the Social Services Board shall adopt any necessary regulations.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	1,582,850	1.0	General
2009	1,582,850	1.0	General
2010	1,582,850	1.0	General
2011	1,582,850	1.0	General
2012	1,582,850	1.0	General
2013	1,582,850	1.0	General
2014	1,582,850	1.0	General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: (See Item 8 below)

8. Fiscal Implications: While research indicates that children reared in two-parent households fare better on the average than children growing up in other family structures, the introduced budget fully expends the agency's TANF block grant of \$158,285,000. If one percent (\$1,582,850) of the TANF grant is reserved for the projects associated with this bill, then the TANF budget must be reduced. Moreover, the items currently budgeted to receive TANF must be provided general fund support or cut from the budget.

The department will also need one policy specialist to coordinate, award, and monitor the grant awards, as well as to work with a college/university to identify best practices and

outcomes for the programs funded. It is assumed that this position would be funded out of the ten percent the bill allocates for partnering with a university or college.

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