

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 596

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

2. Patron: Howell, Janet D.

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Assisted living facilities; may accept third-party payments

5. Summary: The substitute proposal provides that assisted living facilities and adult foster care homes may accept payments from third parties for certain goods and services provided to auxiliary grant recipients, and that the Department of Social Services must not count such payments as income for the purpose of determining eligibility for or calculating the amount of an auxiliary grant. In addition, facilities and homes must document all third party payments and provide such documentation to the Department of Social Services upon request. Facilities and home must also furnish auxiliary grant recipients with a list of goods and services that are covered by their auxiliary grant payment, along with a statement that a recipient cannot be charged extra for such goods and services.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The auxiliary grant program does not currently allow third party payments. While the proposal would allow third party payments to be made to assisted living facilities under certain circumstances, it also excludes these payments from auxiliary grant calculations. Therefore, it is assumed that this bill will not have any impact on auxiliary grant eligibility, rates, or payments.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 1211.

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