

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1918

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon, James M.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Public assistance; local director of social services to determine eligibility

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires a local director of social services to verify the identity, income, and assets of and other information about an applicant for public assistance necessary to determine the applicant's eligibility for public assistance, consistent with federal law and regulations, for the purpose of eliminating the duplication of assistance, and deterring fraud and to deny public assistance in cases in which information provided by an applicant is inconsistent with information obtained by the local director. The bill requires the Department of Social Services to establish a means to obtain and provide the data necessary for local departments to conduct the required investigation, and to report to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year on the specific types or sources of information local directors used during the past year for the purpose of verifying applicants' identity, income, assets and other information and any types or sources of information the Department plans to make available to local directors to use for such purpose in the future. The Department shall also report the number of applications for public assistance received, approved or denied, or referred for investigation during the past year. The bill also clarifies that eligibility for public assistance shall be reconsidered at least annually or upon receipt of information indicating a change in the recipient's circumstances, and that such reconsideration shall include a review of information necessary to verify the identity, income, and assets of and public information about the recipient.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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