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 Establishes a continuum of care program for certain pregnant women and parents of young children

Proposed law provides that the continuum of care program shall encompass the existing TANF initiative known as "Alternatives to Abortion" along with a statewide telecare support network. Requires that DCFS provide in rule for the functions and administration of the telecare support network. Proposed law requires that DCFS finance the continuum of care program with TANF funds and any other monies appropriated to it by the legislature for operation of the program. Proposed law provides that the continuum of care program shall provide direct services, supports, social services case management, and referrals to biological parents of unborn children and biological or adoptive parents of children under the age of two years. Proposed law stipulates that in order to be eligible to receive services through the continuum of care program, an individual shall meet certain requirements. Proposed law provides that any program participant who terminates a pregnancy shall be eligible to continue receiving services through the continuum of care program for a period of six months from the date of the pregnancy termination.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Creating a continuum of care program for certain pregnant women and parents is anticipated to reallocate federal TANF expenditures in FY 23 and future fiscal years. The total reallocation will ultimately depend on the number of participants and the services they use.

NOTE: This bill provides that the continuum of care program shall be funded with TANF dollars. The FY 23 TANF budget is capped at \$185 M and is already allocated to other TANF initiatives. Monies will need to be reallocated from existing TANF programs to fund the continuum of care program. To the extent that existing TANF programs continue at their current level, an alternative funding source will be required for those programs. This note assumes the source will be SGF.

For illustrative purposes, the LFO estimates a potential impact of approximately \$78.9 M in increased services to pregnant women and parents. DCFS' Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program provides similar services as proposed in the bill. The NFP program serves 1,139 participants and costs \$2,877,075, which is an average of \$2,526 per participant. The continuum of care program targets low-income pregnant women and parents. There are approximately 35 K births financed by Medicaid each year, which provides a proxy measure for the number of low income pregnant women that will likely be eligible for this program. 35 K pregnant women x \$2,256 per participant = \$78.9 M per year. However, the actual impact could be more or less depending on the number of participants and the services they utilize. This illustration represents a 42.6% reallocation of the total TANF budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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