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Reorganizes the Department of Children and Family Services

Under <u>present law</u>, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has one program office - the Office of Children and Family Services, which is comprised of four divisions - Executive, Management & Finance, Family Support, and Child Welfare. <u>Proposed law</u> reorganizes DCFS from one office to four offices - (1) Office of the Secretary, (2) Office of Management and Finance, (3) Office of Child Welfare, and (4) Office of Child Support.

In <u>present law</u>, officers of DCFS are the secretary, deputy secretary, undersecretary, assistant secretary of child welfare, and assistant secretary of family support. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the assistant secretary of family support and creates an assistant secretary of child support.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals outdated provisions. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the responsibility of DCFS to administer TANF effective October 1, 2027. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the responsibility of DCFS to administer SNAP and DDS effective October 1, 2025.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law reorganizes and creates new offices in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by deleting the Office of Children and Family Services and converting the divisions within its office into the following program offices - Office of the Secretary, Office of Management and Finance, Office of Child Welfare, and Office of Child Support. In total, DCFS will have four new program offices/budget units under this measure. DCFS will be able to implement the proposed law with its existing staff and resources.

Note: Proposed law removes the Division of Family Support from DCFS. Under HB 624, activities in the Division of Family Support - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Administration Disability Determinations Services (DDS), SNAP employment and training, Child Support Enforcement (CSE) employment and training, and Strategies to Empower People (STEP), are being transferred to either the LA Department of Health (LDH) or the LA Workforce Commission (LWC). The only activity in the Division of Family Support remaining within DCFS is Child Support Enforcement.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Any impact on Federal revenue to DCFS as a result of removing the Division of Family Support from the department is contemplated in HB 624.

