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Subject: Special Program for Retiree Nutrition Assistance	

SNAP/FOOD STAMPS OR +\$540,870 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for continuance of nutrition assistance for certain retirees

Proposed law requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to establish a program for maintaining or continuing nutrition assistance to retirees who are 75 years of age or older and experience a decrease in SNAP benefits or a termination of SNAP eligibility due to having received a non-elective cost-of-living adjustment from the Social Security Administration's retirement benefits program, a public pension program, or any other retirement system, plan, or fund. Proposed law provides that the title of "Special Program for Retiree Nutrition Assistance." Proposed law provides that source of funds for the program may include any appropriation by the legislature of state or federal funds.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$540,870	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$2,670,350
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	\$540,870	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$532,370	\$2,670,350

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This legislation is anticipated to increase state expenditures by \$540,870 SGF in FY 15 as the result of continuing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for recipients aged 75 years old or older that had their benefits reduced as a result of a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in their Social Security Administration's retirement benefits program, a public pension program, or any other retirement system, plan, or fund. Any SNAP benefits in excess of the allowable amounts under the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services formula and table are ineligible expenditures for federal reimbursement. Therefore, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will have to pay these ineligible benefits with SGF or another source of funding.

State expenditures for ineligible SNAP benefits are anticipated to increase by \$532,370. In January 2014, there were approximately 10,786 SNAP recipients that received a federal Social Security Administration (SSA) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) COLA increase of 1.5% and that were age 75 or older. As a result of increase in their SSA/SSI income, the average SNAP benefit decreased \$4.12 per month for these recipients. This measure requires DCFS to replace ineligible SNAP benefits for these recipients with SGF at a cost of \$532,370 in FY 15 (10,768 recipients over 75 years x \$4.12 avg. per month decrease = \$44,364 x 12 months = \$532,370). In future fiscal years, additional state expenditures above what is reflected in the expenditure table above depends upon the future SSA/SSI COLA increases and the number of SNAP recipients over age 75 that receive a decrease in SNAP benefits. In addition, DCFS estimates a one-time cost of \$8,500 for IT infrastructure changes so that SNAP benefits for recipients over the age of 75 would not be reduction as a result of a COLA.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules House 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} *John D. Carpenter*
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} **John D. Carpenter**
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