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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	1,875,000		1,875,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,875,000		1,875,000	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	3,750,000		3,750,000	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish or reestablish 25 local offices throughout the state for in-person application and eligibility determinations for public assistance programs. The local offices would have to be opened and staff at a minimum of 40 hours per week. The bill requires that in addition to call centers, the department would provide dedicated specialized staff who would handle cases for the following: 1) individuals with chronic physical or mental disorders and the elderly and 2) complex cases such as Medicaid waiver cases, spousal impoverishment cases and disability cases. The dedicated, specialized staff would be located in the local offices and accessible to caseworkers in the call center.

The current budget has funding for 28 local offices, some of which are only staff intermittently. If three staff are added to 25 of the existing offices to meet the 40-hour provision, the cost would be \$3,750,000 (\$1,875,000 GF and FF) each year.