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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Thomson LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/2025
BILL _____
SHORT TITLE Annual Federal SNAP State Outreach Plans NUMBER House Bill 77
ANALYST Esquibel

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
HCA	No fiscal impact	\$108.0	\$108.0	\$216.0	Recurring	General Fund and Federal Funds

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
Health Care Authority (HCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 77

House Bill 77 would amend the Public Assistance Act to require the Health Care Authority (HCA) to develop an annual Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) state outreach plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to promote access to the benefits of the program.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

HCA reports it would need one additional FTE beginning in FY27 to implement the provisions of the bill. The new additional FTE is projected to cost \$54 thousand in general fund revenue matched 50/50 with \$54 thousand in federal funds. Since the effective date of this bill is June 20th, 2025, LFC staff note HCA will likely require the additional FTE beginning in FY26. This is reflected in the estimated operating budget table.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

State agencies administering SNAP have the option to conduct educational outreach to inform low-income households about the availability, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and benefits of SNAP. The state agency is responsible for administering outreach plan activities and managing outreach funds. FNS reimburses state agencies for up to 50 percent of allowable administrative costs, including program informational activities. Funds used by nonprofit organizations, such as food banks, can also receive federal match funds when included in a state's federally approved SNAP state outreach plan.

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