



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 57

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Senate Bill 57 as reported by the Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund would increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Human Resources by requiring the department to request a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to authorize the department to exclude soda and candy from the definition of "eligible foods" for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Granting of the waiver would not directly affect state or local funding, as it only changes the eligible foods that can be purchased and not the amount of benefits received by SNAP beneficiaries.

Further, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Revenue, if the waiver is approved, by an agency estimated minimum of 10.6 million to: (1) provide advanced notice to SNAP-authorized retailers of the effective date of the waiver; (2) identify items included and excluded under the waiver; (3) provide guidance to SNAP-authorized retailers on eligible and ineligible purchases; and (4) offer technical assistance, training, and other resources to support retailers in complying with the waiver and minimize disruption to retail operations. Per the agency, additional substantial investments in new computer systems, employee training, and travel would be needed to comply with the provisions of this bill.