



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 609

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund Sponsor: Representative Rex Reynolds

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House Bill 609 as introduced would expand the source of monies that may be deposited into the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund to include grants, gifts, contributions, other revenue sources directed by the Legislature, and any other lawful sources.

This bill could also increase expenditures from the fund by an undetermined amount dependent any weatherization assistance provided by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to individuals that would not otherwise qualify for such assistance under current law by increasing the threshold for eligibility for the program from households having an income level at or below 125% of the poverty level, under current law, to households having an income level at or below 200% of the poverty level.

Additionally, this bill would authorize ADECA to contract with certain nonprofit corporations to provide energy assistance instead of requiring that these funds be provided to designated community action agencies or county governments to administer the program.

The current balance in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund is approximately \$200,000.