

Senator Henderson Motion Regarding Independent Study Requiring an Open Child Support Case as a Condition of Food Stamp Eligibility – Passed Unanimously 2-11-14 PM

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I move to approve the following:

- ~~1. Accept the four fee increases discussed under the Section titled “Fees Covering Associated Costs – Potential Fee Increases” as found in the Issue Brief titled, “Fees – The Department of Human Services” and dated January 23, 2014, 2:30 PM.~~
- ~~2. Place the two Office of Recovery fee increases referred to in part number 1 on the committee “Consensus Funding Reduction Items” list
Estimated to generate \$2,029,700 + \$23,600 = \$2,053,300 ongoing fee revenue.~~
- ~~3. Designate the two approved Office of Recovery Services’ fee increases remain within the Office of Recovery Services’ Budget (A).~~
4. Place an item titled “Independent Study Requiring an Open Child Support Case as a Condition of Food Stamps Eligibility” on the active Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee’s One-time Building Block Priority List for an amount of \$70,000. Designate through intent language, if funded, that the study be provided to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2014. The study shall include a(n): 1) discussion of options for a voluntary program, 2) implication on systems and staffing, 3) analysis of relevant fiscal implications, 4) review of demographic data informing why individuals are currently not seeking child support, 5) review of phase-in options to implement, 6) inventory of other states currently availing themselves of this option, and 7) results following implementation of a similar policy with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid.

~~(A) Due to federal regulations, increasing a fee and removing the General Fund in the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) actually results in a loss of funding to the agency because fees cannot receive federal match and cannot be used to supplant a state’s required General Fund contribution.~~