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Senate Bill 120 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Martha G. Scott
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to issue an individual's regular food assistance benefits twice each month, if the Department determined that the individual was eligible for food assistance benefits of \$100 or more per month. The DHS could continue to issue food assistance benefits once monthly to recipients receiving benefits that were less than \$100 per month.

The DHS also could continue to issue food assistance benefits on a staggered basis by case ending digit.

The bill would not apply to issuing initial, retroactive, or supplemental food assistance benefits.

Proposed MCL 400.14j

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

If enacted, the bill would lead to an increase in administrative expense for the Department of Human Services. Implementation of a twice-monthly payment for food assistance program (FAP) recipients would require modifications in information technology systems used by the Department to manage FAP payments. The Department also would have to devote additional staff resources (on a one-time basis) to implementing the change in how FAP payments are distributed.

Increases in administrative cost associated with the FAP program would be eligible for 50% Federal reimbursement.

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