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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2023

Subject: SB 91 – Relating to home-based care for children with disabilities
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 91 requires the Department of Human Services to seek a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and federal financial participation in the costs of a program to compensate parents for providing attendant care services to their children who have been assessed by the department as having very high medical or behavioral health needs.

The -A12 amendment makes a technical adjustment to the definition of “child”. It amends the definition so that parents of the most medically fragile children would be allowed to participate. Due to the assumed cap on program caseload, this change is not expected to have a fiscal impact in 2023-25.

The projected 2023-25 cost of the measure is \$8 million total funds. Most of this amount -- \$7.1 million-- is for parent provider payments, with the balance being used to support five positions (2.50 FTE) required to implement and administer the new benefit. This assumes CMS approval and an effective date of July 1, 2024. The measure prohibits DHS from using General Fund to administer the program without a federal match. The -A11 amendment adds funding to the bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –A12 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the – A12 amendment to SB 91. (VOTE)

LFO recommends adoption of the -A11 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the – A11 amendment to SB 91. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 91, as amended by the – A11 and -A12 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 91, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____