

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2957

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Human Services shall establish a program to**
3 **provide grants to assist noncitizens who do not possess valid immigration documentation**
4 **change immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.**

5 **“(b) In establishing the program, the department shall consult with community-based**
6 **organizations that have connections to or experience working with immigrants or immigrant**
7 **populations.**

8 **“(2) Under the program:**

9 **“(a) The department shall distribute funds to community-based organizations to admin-**
10 **ister and provide grants up to the amounts for which individuals are eligible under sub-**
11 **section (3) of this section.**

12 **“(b) A grant must be used to cover the costs of immigration legal services or United**
13 **States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees associated with the process for changing**
14 **an immigration status or obtaining a lawful permanent resident status.**

15 **“(c) Grant moneys shall be paid on behalf of a grant recipient to an immigration legal**
16 **services provider that has been approved by the department or to United States Citizenship**
17 **and Immigration Services.**

18 **“(d) An individual may be awarded no more than one grant.**

19 **“(3) An individual shall be eligible for a grant in the following amounts:**

20 **“(a) \$1,500 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that**
21 **is not greater than \$60,000.**

22 **“(b) \$1,000 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that**
23 **is greater than \$60,000 and not greater than \$70,000.**

24 **“(c) \$750 for an individual who has an annual gross income for the prior tax year that is**
25 **greater than \$70,000 and not greater than \$80,000.**

26 **“(4) The department shall prescribe the form and manner in which an individual may**
27 **apply for a grant under the program.**

28 **“(5) The department may, in consultation with the community-based organizations de-**
29 **scribed under subsection (1)(b) of this section, establish eligibility criteria that an individual**
30 **must meet to qualify for a grant under the program.**

31 **“(6) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.**

32 **“SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
33 **biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000, to be**
34 **used to provide grants under the program established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.”.**

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