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Bill Title: Relating to persons from whom assets were seized by the state when the persons were under 21 years of age; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure establishes the Youth Support and Repayment Program within the Department of Human Services (DHS) and creates the Youth Support and Repayment Grant Fund. The program is intended for individuals who, while in DHS care or custody, had benefits or resources they were entitled to diverted by the department to pay for services they were otherwise eligible for through state, federal, or private programs. By September 15, 2026, DHS must identify all eligible individuals who were in its care or custody between January 1, 1998, and the effective date of this measure, and notify them of this program. DHS will conduct rulemaking to establish the application and grant award process. Eligible individuals may submit multiple applications. The program is repealed on January 2, 2055, or when the grant fund is depleted. If any money remains in the grant fund on January 1, 2055, the agency may expand eligibility for the program. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate as the number of eligible individuals is unknown as is the amount of funds diverted from eligible individuals. DHS estimates approximately 80,000 individuals were in care between January 1, 1998, and current date. This estimate does not include the number of individuals who were in DHS custody during this period who may also be eligible for this grant program. DHS will need to compare financial records for these individuals to determine eligibility, identify their contact information, send notices, and process an increase in questions, comments and concerns as potential applicants begin the grant application process. Without an identified caseload, the number of staff required is difficult to estimate though it is expected to be significant.

The measure establishes the Youth Support and Repayment Grant Fund without providing an identified source of revenue to fund the measures requirements. Absent sufficient revenue available for the fund, the activities required by the measure may not be carried out, in full or in part, during the 2025-27 biennium.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.
DHS must identify and contact eligible individuals by September 15, 2026.
If there are remaining funds available on January 1, 2055, DHS may expand eligibility requirements.
The grant program is repealed when funds are exhausted or by January 2, 2055.