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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

	ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *			
	FY 2009-10		**FY 2010-11**	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill expands the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act. Special foods and medical needs as defined in the bill would be covered. The bill would also allow for financial compensation of family caregivers. The rate of compensation would be at a higher rate than a salaried state employee receives for similar work done at a state facility. The caregiver and the caregiver's family would be eligible for state health insurance as if the caregiver is a full-time state employee. This bill provides for an exemption to the $300 per month limit for the compensation of caregivers.

The Disabled Persons and Family Support Program is not an entitlement program. The funding for this program is determined by the legislature through the appropriation provided for it. The current appropriation is $910,000. The number of persons served is 639. Any additional funding for this program for the expanded coverage would be determined by the legislature. If the intent is to cover all eligible persons with caregiver compensation and family coverage health insurance, the cost would be substantial. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates a full year cost to be $27,569,769 GF.

The Department of Administrative Services would need additional staff under the provisions of allowing caregivers and their families to participate in the State's health insurance plan. The cost would be $60,090 in FY 10 and $48,701 in FY 11.

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COMMENTS

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – HHS fiscal note assumes that caregiver would pick up 21% of health insurance premium and state would pick up 79% of premium. This represents the same split that exists for state employees. Cost would be higher if state is to pick up 100% of premium.