

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 749

PRINTER'S NO. 1332

PRIME SPONSOR: Madsen

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

This legislation amends the Human Services Code to require the Department of Human Services to issue a report regarding its analysis of the SNAP Payment distribution schedule.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 729, Printer's Number 1332, amends Act 21 of 1967, known as the Human Services Code, to require the Department of Human Services (the "department") to analyze the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) distribution schedule and issue a report that identifies if changes are needed to the payment distribution schedule. Within 15 days of the completion of the report, the department must submit the report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Senate, as well as to the Health Committee and the Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives; and must publish it on its website within 30 days.

If changes are needed, the department must develop and implement updates to the payment distribution schedule based on the analysis in consultation with an advisory committee. The department will transmit the proposed updates as a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Upon federal approval, the department will ensure that the updated distribution schedule is posted on the department's website.

This legislation will take effect within 60 days of enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Assuming this legislation is enacted prior to June 30, 2025, it will not take effect until after July 1, 2025. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the commonwealth for FY2024/25.

For FY2025/26, the Department of Human Services anticipates there will be a nominal increase in administrative costs to prepare and issue the report required by this legislation; however, this nominal increase can likely be covered by the department's proposed FY 2025/26 appropriations.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.