



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHS 12/14/2015

LRB Number	15-3448/2	Introduction Number	AB-0530	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Establishment of a dietetic internship program and granting rule-making authority					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill creates a new dietetic internship program under the state's Women, Infants, and Children supplemental food program (WIC). The bill directs the Department to develop a program and seek accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The council's standards require an individual seeking a dietetics certification to complete 1200 hours of supervised dietetics practice. This bill would allow qualified nutritionists to obtain practical dietetics experience while working for the WIC program. An individual who completes an internship under this bill must agree to work for the WIC program for at least 24 months upon completion of the internship program, or indemnify the Department for any costs incurred during the program.

Under the bill, the Department may promulgate rules to establish: training criteria and program completion standards consistent with ACEND's accreditation standards, application procedures, criteria and requirements for intern selection, and procedures for administration of the internship program by the WIC program. Additionally, the Department will need to identify partnerships for the internship experience requirements that will need to be completed outside of the WIC program.

Based on a 2013 WIC workforce survey of 187 WIC nutritionists, 11 individuals required an internship to complete their dietetic training and could have been eligible for the internship program under this bill. Of these, three individuals stated interest in receiving an internship.

The Department will need 1.0 FTE GPR and \$99,100 GPR to promulgate rules, develop and implement training standards, manage the internship application process, supervise intern participation in the program, apply for federal waivers and ACEND accreditation, and otherwise implement and administer the internship program under this bill. These costs cover the salary, fringe, indirect and internal costs for a Public Health Nutritionist - Advanced estimated to cost \$94,600 annually and travel costs estimated at \$4,500 annually. The bill directs the Department to apply for a federal waiver, if needed, to implement the dietetic internship program as part of the WIC program. However, it is not clear if federal funding would be available to fund the costs of a dietetic internship program.

In addition, the bill authorizes, but does not require DHS to reimburse interns for their non-WIC hours. The only funding appropriation identified in the bill for these costs is s. 20.435 (1)(em), which provides \$161,400 GPR annually to support WIC farmers' market programs as a federal grant match, and no funding is available in this appropriation to fund internship costs as a result of this bill.

The bill provides both the Department and local organizations the option of either paying the interns' salaries or letting them work unpaid while completing internship eligible hours doing WIC related work. All eligible employees currently work for local agencies. If the local agencies choose not to pay interns for the internship work completed under this bill, their costs may decrease.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2015 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
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  Supplemental

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs      Decreased Costs	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$94,600	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	4,500	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$99,100</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR	99,100	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$99,100	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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