

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
DCF 120

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE  
DOA-2048 N(R03/97)

- ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

**Subject**  
Emergency Assistance for Needy Families

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

1.  Increase Costs  
     Permissive       Mandatory  
2.  Decrease Costs  
     Permissive       Mandatory

3.  Increase Revenues  
     Permissive       Mandatory  
4.  Decrease Revenues  
     Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns       Villages       Cities  
 Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

- GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The proposed rule changes the amounts eligible families would receive by increasing the amounts for smaller size families and decreasing the amounts for larger size families. The amounts were arrived at by attempting to make the overall fiscal impact cost neutral that is within the existing amount of funds allocated for emergency assistance. Average family sizes receiving emergency assistance grants in SFY 07-08 were used in the calculation.

The rule also changes the amount payable to an eligible family due to energy crisis from the current unlimited level to a maximum of \$500. This change will allow the agency to use funds otherwise going to pay for energy services to pay for other emergencies.

In addition, the rule allows a payment to families who are renters and in a situation where the building they are living in is subject to foreclosure. While this will increase the number of cases eligible for emergency assistance it is estimated to be within what the current allocation can absorb.

The proposed rule also changes the method for determining financial eligibility to make it similar to the eligibility criteria for W-2. This change is not expected to have a significant fiscal effect because many agencies already applied the W-2 criteria due to confusing language in the current rule.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None

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