

HB 30 -- TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
(Brandom)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Children and Families

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to develop a program to screen and test work-eligible applicants for or work-eligible recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program benefits who the department has reasonable cause to believe, based on the screening, engage in the illegal use of controlled substances. Applicants or recipients who test positive for the use of a controlled substance after an administrative hearing will be declared ineligible for TANF benefits for one year beginning on the date of the administrative hearing decision. The department will refer an individual who tests positive to a substance abuse treatment program approved by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse within the Department of Mental Health. Any member of a household which includes a person who has been declared ineligible for TANF benefits, if otherwise eligible, will continue to receive protective or vendor payments through a third-party payee.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of Unknown but Greater than \$4,100,580 in FY 2010, Unknown but Greater than \$5,001,584 in FY 2011, and Unknown but Greater than \$5,198,715 in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.