

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation limits eligibility for the county medically indigent program and state Catastrophic Health Care fund by preventing anyone who qualifies for Medicaid or insurance from receiving assistance through the programs. Additionally, the legislation eliminates state aid for public health districts. State aid to health districts will be replaced by new county aid which will be funded from savings accruing to the county medically indigent program. Lastly, the legislation amends state statute regarding public health districts to ensure that health districts can continue with existing administrative relationships with state agencies if desired as well as language clarifying that local health district boards are responsible for setting salaries of local health district officials.

FISCAL NOTE

For fiscal year 2022, there will be a savings to the state general fund of \$4.9 million as a result of the state no longer providing state aid to public health districts. For fiscal year 2023 and each year thereafter, savings to the general fund increases to \$9.8 million due to no longer providing state aid to public health districts and \$8.5 million due to savings to the CAT fund.

For fiscal year 2022, counties will save an estimated \$6 million in indigent fund expenses. The savings will be used to provide additional funding to public health districts, estimated to be \$4.9 million. For fiscal year 2023 and each year thereafter, counties will save an estimated \$12 million in indigent fund expenses. The savings will be used to provide additional funding to public health districts, estimated to be \$9.8 million.

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