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TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Omnibus Funding Motion

[LFB Papers #845 through #848, #850 through #853, and #855 through #857]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following provisions regarding the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)-related programs under the bill:

1. Revised Estimates for TANF-Related Programs. Adopt the modification in LFB Issue Paper #845 to reflect the Governor's intent and reestimates for 2003-05, including: (a) delete the \$6,507,000 held in contingency under the Committee's program supplements appropriation [s. 20.865(4)(m)] and allocate the funding for TANF programs for 2003-05; (b) increase funding for the caretaker supplement by \$5,513,500 FED in 2003-04 and \$9,205,300 FED in 2004-05 to fully fund projected costs of the program; (c) decrease funding for child support payments by \$2,090,000 FED in 2003-04 and \$2,300,000 FED in 2004-05 to accurately reflect the amount that would be passed through to W-2 participants; (d) reduce the funding allocated for state administration by \$64,700 in each year to reflect the budget efficiency measure reductions under the bill; (e) reduce the TANF allocation for child welfare safety services by \$48,600 FED annually to reflect the amount approved by the Committee on May 7, 2003; and (f) include nonstatutory language to allow W-2 agencies to spend community reinvestment funds that were budgeted under 2001 Act 16.

2. W-2 Agency Contracts -W-2 Agency Services. Adopt Alternative A1 of LFB Issue Paper #846, which would adopt the Governor's proposal to reduce funding allocated for W-2 agency services by \$21,335,300 annually, and create a separate statutory allocation for W-2 services. The amount allocated for W-2 services would total \$55,606,600 in each year, including: (a) \$27,803,300 in 2003-04 for the last six months of the 2002-2003 W-2 agency contracts; (b) \$27,803,300 in 2003-04 for the first six months of the 2004-2005 W-2 agency contracts; and (c) \$55,606,600 in 2004-05 for the next 12 months of the 2004-2005 W-2 agency contracts. The final six months of the 2004-2005 W- 2 agency contracts would be funded in the 2005-07 biennium.

3. W-2 Agency Contracts - W-2 Agency Administration. Adopt Alternative B2 of LFB Issue Paper #846, which would reduce funding for W-2 agency administration by 5 annually, or \$1,114,000 FED, in each year. The amounts allocated for W-2 administration would total: (a) \$10,582,800 in 2003-04 for the last six months of the 2002-2003 W-2 agency contracts; (b)

\$10,582,900 in 2003-04 for the first six months of the 2004-2005 W-2 agency contracts; and (c) ^
\$20,720,100 in 2004-05 for the next 12 months of the 2004-2005 W-2 agency contracts. ^

4. W-2 Agency Contracts - 2002-2003 W-2 Agency Cash Benefit Allocations. Adopt Alternative A1 of LFB Issue Paper #847, to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide additional funding of \$8,564,900 FED in 2003-04 to reflect increases in W-2 cash benefit caseloads for the last six months of the 2002-2003 W-2 agency contract period. In addition, modify the bill to accurately reflect that \$33,219,700 would be allocated in 2003-04 for W-2 benefits under the 2002-2003 W-2 contracts.

5. W-2 Agency Contracts - 2004-2005 W-2 Cash Benefits. Adopt Alternative B1 of LFB Issue Paper #847, to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide additional funding of \$8,564,900 FED in 2003-04 and \$17,129,800 FED in 2004-05 to fund W-2 cash benefits for the first 18 months of the 2004-2005 W-2 contracts. In addition, modify the bill to accurately reflect the amount that would be allocated in 2003-04 for W-2 benefits under the 2004-2005 W-2 contracts, and delete references to wages and educational stipends.

6. Transitional Subsidized Private Sector Jobs. Adopt Alternative #3 of LFB Issue Paper #848 to delete the provision. In addition, require the Task Force on Transitional Jobs to continue meeting to provide additional details on the creation and implementation of a subsidized work program under the W-2 program, and submit the proposal as separate legislation.

7. Child Care Subsidies. Adopt Alternative #2 of LFB Issue Paper #850, which would —
reduce TANF funding for child care subsidies by \$1,546,100 FED in 2003-04 and increase funding by \$2,073,500 FED in 2004-05 to fully fund the reestimated costs of child care subsidies for 2003-05, for increased costs to the bill of \$527,400 over the biennium.

8. Kinship Care. Adopt Alternative #2 of LFB Issue Paper #851, which would reduce funding for kinship care benefits by \$33,500 FED annually to reflect a reestimate of the cost of benefits.

9. Caretaker Supplement Administration. Adopt Alternative #1 of LFB Issue Paper #852 to approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$506,600 FED annually to support increased costs of administering the caretaker supplement. In addition, transfer \$15,200 in 2004-05 from the Division of Health Care Financing to the Division of Supportive Living in DHFS to budget these funds in the correct appropriation.

10. Brighter Futures and Tribal Adolescent Services Programs. Transfer \$1,367,100 GPR annually from DHFS to DWD to be allocated for child care so that the GPR funds could be used for matching funds under the federal child care and development program. Provide \$1,367,100 FED to fund the Brighter Futures and tribal adolescent services programs with TANF funds.

11. Workforce Attachment and Advancement. Reduce funding by \$2,000,000 FED annually and delete the statutory authority and allocation for the workforce attachment and advancement program.

12. TEACH and REWARD Programs. Provide \$2,700,000 FED annually to partially restore funding for the teacher education and compensation helps (TEACH) program and the rewarding education with wages and respect for dedication (REWARD) program.

13. Local Pass-Through Program. Reduce funding by \$ 1,920,400 FED in 2003-04 and \$1,917,000 FED in 2004-05 for the child care local pass-through program. The allocation for the program would total \$2,475,100 in 2003-04 and \$2,478,500 in 2004-05.

14. Educational Needs Assessment. Adopt Alternative #2 of LFB Issue Paper #856, which would adopt the Governor's recommendation, as amended, to: conduct an educational needs assessment for each individual who applies for a W-2 position to eliminate the language requiring W-2 agencies to fund all education and training activities identified in the employability plan, to the extent that funds are available. Instead, require W-2 agencies to fund basic education activities for persons in unsubsidized employment and trial jobs, as required under current law. In addition, continue to allow DWD to determine the types of paid training and education activities persons in community service jobs and transitional placements could receive. The provision requiring an educational needs assessment for all who apply for W-2 would take effect January 1, 2004.

15. Federal Block Grant Operations Appropriation. Adopt Alternative #3 of LFB Issue Paper #857 to delete the provision.

Note:

This motion would eliminate the Governor's proposal to create a transitional subsidized private sector job program. In addition, the motion would fully fund child care subsidies and partially restore funding to the TEACH and REWARD programs. The motion would also reduce or eliminate funding for a number of other TANF-related programs. The projected 2004-05 ending TANF balance under the motion would total \$82,100.

[Change to Bill: \$8,220,800 FED and \$17,386,000 PR]