



**State Fiscal Note for Bill
Number: 2015-H-5564**

Date of State Budget Office Approval:

Date Requested: Tuesday, April 07, 2015

Date Due: Friday, April 17, 2015

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2015	N/A	FY 2015	N/A
FY 2016	Indeterminate	FY 2016	N/A
FY 2017	Indeterminate	FY 2017	N/A

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill would establish the achieving a better life experience program within the department of human services for the purpose of administering "Achieving a Better Life Experience" (ABLE) accounts.

ABLE accounts are private savings accounts for qualifying disabled persons authorized by § 529A of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The accounts allow individuals to save and invest private funds, the contributions of which grow tax free, for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities.

Funds contributed to the program would be held in trust in a special account to be created by the department and the department and any designated administrator would provide investment options for the investment of amounts contributed to the account.

The bill authorizes the department to promulgate rules and regulations, enter into contracts and agreements, charge fees and expenses to the funds held under the program or to persons establishing or owning ABLE accounts, make reports, retain designated administrators, employees, experts and consultants and do all other things necessary or convenient to implement the legislation.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

Direct funding for ABLE accounts would be derived from private sources of funds. Funding for additional staff resources and costs associated with administering the program could be derived from assessments against the funds held in the ABLE accounts, as authorized by the bill. Any administrative costs not covered by these assessments would be derived from general revenue.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

1. This note assumes an effective date of July 1, 2015. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact reported in FY 2015.
2. The department would likely contract with a private (financial) entity to serve as "designated administrator" of this program to oversee investment, marketing, recordkeeping, and other functions. However, there is no way to accurately determine the annual cost of such an arrangement at this time.
3. It is anticipated that in order to oversee this new program additional staff resources of 0.5 FTE would be required. The fiscal impact of this portion of the bill is estimated at \$47,548 in FY 2016 and FY 2017.

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4. Additional staff costs are estimated based upon the average cost per FTE position within the Department of Human Services in FY 2016, divided by two (2), with zero or nonmaterial growth assumed between FY 2016 and FY 2017.

*Summary of Fiscal
Impact:*

FY 2015: N/A

FY 2016/FY 2017 Contract Services: Indeterminate

FY 2016/FY 2017 Personnel Costs: \$47,548

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