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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: STATE FUNDING FOR SENIOR SERVICES CONTINGENCY FUND

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [] State Revenue [x] State Transfer [] Local Government
[x] State Expenditure [] TABOR Refund [] Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates the State Funding for Senior Services Contingency Reserve Fund. It includes a state transfer and increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: For the current FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$2.0 million to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its supplemental bill package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1211

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Current Year FY 2023-24, Budget Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Total Expenditure), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfers), and Other Budget Impacts.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the State Funding for Senior Services Contingency Reserve Fund (fund) and gives the Department of Human Services (CDHS) the authority to distribute money from the fund to an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) that needs funding due to one of the following unforeseen circumstances:

- financial or operational emergencies caused by force majeure;
- a disruption in the delivery of eligible services due to an unexpected change in provider availability or operational capacity;
- an unintended delay or interruption of state or federal allocations; or
- an emergency disaster declaration.

The funds may only be used for direct costs of eligible services for no more than 90 days, and CDHS must report on distributions from the fund. In FY 2023-24, the bill transfers \$2.0 million into the fund.

Background

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are regional entities designated by the State Office on Aging under CDHS to serve a specific area of the state. The duties of the AAAs include:

- assisting older persons in navigating the various public assistance and entitlement programs;
- partnering with the state in sharing information regarding the special needs of older persons;
- assessing needs and barriers to older persons continued engagement in local communities;
- advocating for and representing the issues of and concerns of older persons; and
- providing services including in-home services, transportation, and nutrition assistance.

State Transfers

Three days after the effective date of the bill, the state treasurer must transfer \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the State Funding for Senior Services Contingency Reserve Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures for CDHS to distribute up to \$2.0 million to AAAs under the circumstances specified in the bill. The fiscal note assumes that DHS will expend the full amount in FY 2023-24.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the State Funding for Senior Services Contingency Reserve Fund to the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).