

HB 1566-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

***1566-FN-A***

AN ACT

directing the department of health and human services to seek clarification from the Administration for Children and Families regarding the use of TANF reserve funds and repealing the requirement that the department of health and human services' biennial budget request include funding for certain child care workforce programs.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. Muns, Rock. 29; Rep. D. Paige, Carr. 1; Rep. M. Smith, Straf. 10; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11; Rep. Preece, Hills. 17; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE:

Finance

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill directs the department to seek clarification from the federal government regarding the use of TANF reserve funds and to request a waiver for certain uses of such funds that the federal government determines as prohibited uses. This bill also repeals the requirement that the department include funding for certain child care workforce programs in its biennial budget request.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 Request for Clarification Regarding Use of TANF Reserve Funds. No later than August 1,  
2 2026, the department of health and human services shall seek clarification from the federal  
3 Administration for Children and Families on the specific uses to which federal TANF reserve funds  
4 may be put, as well as any conditions surrounding their transfer to other funds, including the Child  
5 Care and Development Fund. The department shall specifically seek clarification regarding the  
6 ways in which TANF reserve funds may be used to support recruitment and retention of child care  
7 employees, including any alternatives to employment bonuses paid to providers. Within one month  
8 of receipt of the Administration's response, the department shall submit said response to the joint  
9 fiscal committee and the house and senate finance committees. If the Administration determines  
10 that such funds shall not be used for the purposes of this act, the department shall seek a waiver  
11 from any requirements prohibiting such use of the funds. The department shall seek such waiver  
12 within one month of the Administration's determination that TANF reserve funds shall not be used  
13 for the purposes of this act.

14           2 Repeal. 2025, 141:431, VI, directing the department of health and human services to include  
15 the amount necessary to fully fund certain child care workforce programs in its biennial budget  
16 request, is repealed.

17           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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**HB 1566-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None