



SF 305 – Child Support Collection, Food Stamps (LSB1958SV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[Senate File 305](#) requires, as a condition of eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), that an individual cooperate with the Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) in establishing and enforcing a child support order pursuant to federal law.

Assumptions

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) Field Operations staff would be required to review 147,418 SNAP cases annually to determine whether a case needs to be referred to the CSRU requiring an additional 11 Income Maintenance Worker 2s, one Typist Advanced and one Income Maintenance Supervisor.
- Requiring SNAP recipients to cooperate with the CSRU as a condition of eligibility is estimated to increase the number of CSRU cases by 15,120.
- At the current caseload of 402 cases per full-time (FTE) position, the CSRU would need to hire 27 Support Recovery Officers, nine Clerk Specialists, and one Assistant Attorney General.
- It is estimated that one-sixth of the FTE positions will be hired each month in FY 2020, with all FTE positions hired midway through the year.
- A 2.0% increase in salary and benefits costs is estimated in the second year.
- It is estimated there will be 12,399 new establishment or modification orders in which the State would be required to serve nonrequesting parents. Approximately 55.0% of parents will accept certified mail at \$5.56 per letter. The remaining 45.0% will require a sheriff or process server at an average of \$64.24 per case.
- There will be one-time implementation costs for changes to the Iowa Collection and Reporting (ICAR) System to accept SNAP referrals and track and store information related to these cases. There will also be one-time costs associated with changing forms, employee manuals, training materials, and amending administrative rules.
- There will be a one-time cost associated with updating income maintenance systems to create a new interface with the CSRU to exchange information on members who are not cooperating. These changes are estimated to take 1,238 hours at \$105 per hour.
- The match rate is 33.82% federal and 66.18% State for DHS Field Operations, 66.00% federal and 34.00% State for CSRU, and 62.11% federal and 37.89% State for the one-time implementation costs.

Fiscal Impact

[Senate File 305](#) is estimated to increase the DHS annual operating costs by \$1.4 million in FY 2020 and FY 2021. The increase for FY 2020 includes \$200,000 in one-time costs. Details of the increase in FTE positions and other costs are listed in **Table 1** below.

Table 1
SNAP — Child Support Recovery Unit Fiscal Impact

Job Classification	FY 2020				FY 2021			
	FTEs	Salary & Benefits	Total Cost	State Share	FTEs	Salary & Benefits	Total Cost	State Share
Support Recovery Officers	21.4	\$57,214	\$1,224,380	\$ 416,295	27.0	\$58,358	\$1,575,674	\$ 535,737
Clerk Specialists	7.1	46,738	331,840	112,827	9.0	47,673	429,055	145,881
Support Recovery Supervisors	2.0	70,303	140,606	47,807	2.0	71,709	143,418	48,763
Assistant Attorney General 1	1.0	68,544	68,544	23,305	1.0	69,915	69,915	23,771
Income Maintenance Worker 2	8.7	57,214	497,762	329,418	11.0	58,358	641,941	424,836
Typist Advanced	1.0	42,416	42,416	28,071	1.0	43,264	43,264	28,632
Income Maintenance Supervisor	1.0	68,544	68,544	45,362	1.0	69,915	69,915	46,270
Total	42.2		\$2,374,091	\$ 1,003,086	52.0		\$2,973,182	\$ 1,253,890
Other Activities	Cases	Cost	Total Cost	State Share	Cases	Cost	Total Cost	State Share
Certified Mail	12,399	\$ 5.56	\$ 68,938	\$ 23,439	12,399	\$ 5.56	\$ 68,938	\$ 23,439
Sheriff/Process Server	5,580	64.24	358,459	121,878	5,580	64.24	358,459	121,878
One-Time Implementation Costs			534,198	202,427				
Total CSRU Activities			\$ 961,596	\$ 347,744			\$ 427,398	\$ 145,317
Total SNAP — CSRU Increased Cost			\$3,335,687	\$ 1,350,830			\$3,400,579	\$ 1,399,207

*Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Sources

Department of Human Services
LSA calculations

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.