

FISCAL NOTE

May 11, 2022

Bill No:	SB 1121	Printer's No:	1456	Sponsor:	Sen. Argall (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund	See Below	See Below

SUMMARY: Bill would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to check wage records by employers and the Department of Revenue (DOR) against recipients of Medical Assistance (MA) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. DHS would be required to conduct this check quarterly with reports to the General Assembly.

ANALYSIS: Currently, wage checks are performed by DHS. Wage information is received from the Department of Labor and Industry quarterly. Additionally, DHS has access to real-time verification through Equifax with information from employers who are enrolled in the service. DHS also has a requirement to data-match with the National Directory of New Hires for SNAP as directed by the Agricultural Act of 2014. This bill would require an additional wage check through the DOR. The DOR does not have access to wage information that is required by this bill. DOR has annual W2 tax forms which are received every January which has information pertaining to the prior tax year.

FISCAL IMPACT: DHS and DOR would incur costs to develop and implement a new interface to receive wage information directly from employers. The cost to develop the system would be \$200,000 in the current year and \$800,000 in the next fiscal year. Additional administrative burden and cost would be placed on employers as they would then need to access and enter information into the new system.