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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4333 Introduced on April 18, 2023
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Subject: Mobile Optometry Units
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Wren and Boggs
Impact Date: February 27, 2024 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill permits mobile optometry units to operate during the summer at a site of an organization serving children from low-income communities if approved by the local community foundation serving the region. The bill further specifies that a licensed optometrist who is providing services through a mobile unit is not subject to disciplinary action on the sole basis that the licensed optometrist prescribed eyeglasses without dilating the patient's eyes at the aforementioned site.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, (LLR) does not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the agency or the Board of Examiners in Optometry since the bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency or the board. LLR further indicates that any expenses to implement the bill can be managed within existing resources.

This bill may result in an increase in optometry services for Medicaid by making it easier for students to obtain care. While the amount of the increase for the Medicaid program is undetermined, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) does not anticipate a significant impact to the program. DHHS anticipates that any increase in expenditures can be managed within existing appropriations.

This impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHHS.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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Department of Health and Human Services. This bill provides an additional place of service and modality for access to existing services. This bill may result in an increase in optometry services for Medicaid by making it easier for students to obtain care. While the amount of the increase for the Medicaid program is undetermined, DHHS does not anticipate a significant impact to the program. DHHS anticipates that any increase in expenditures can be managed within existing appropriations. *This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a response from DHHS.*

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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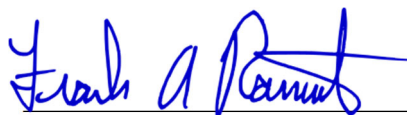
Department of Health and Human Services. The expenditure impact of this bill on DHHS is pending, contingent upon a response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A



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