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House Bill 5354 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Alan L. Cropsey

House Committee: Human Services

Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Administrative Procedures Act to exempt from the definition of "rule":

- A policy developed by the Family Independence Agency setting income and asset limits, types of income and assets to be considered for eligibility, and payment standards for administration of assistance programs under the Social Welfare Act.
- A policy developed by the Family Independence Agency to implement requirements that were mandated by Federal statute or regulations as a condition of receiving Federal funds.
- A regulation issued by the Family Independence Agency setting standards and policies for the administration of programs under the Social Welfare Act. This exemption would expire 12 months after the bill's effective date, after which the regulation would not be binding and effective unless it were processed as an emergency rule or were promulgated according to the Administrative Procedures Act. This limited exemption would not apply to the policies specifically exempted by the bill.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5353, which would amend the Social Welfare Act to change references to the "state department of social services" to the "family independence agency" and require the Agency to establish and administer the Family Independence Program, which would replace the current Aid to Dependent Children Program; specify the eligibility criteria for the independence assistance program, including a requirement that a minor parent and his or her child live in an adult-supervised household; require each family that received family independence assistance to enter into a social contract outlining the family's responsibilities, including participation in a Work First employment and training program; provide for the development of penalties for fraud or failure to comply with the social contract; and specify the types of rules, regulations, and policies that the Family Independence Agency could develop.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Please see FISCAL IMPACT for House Bill 5353 (S-1).

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