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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVERPMTS.

House Bill 4299

Sponsor: Rep. Sandra Hill

Committee: Human Services & Children

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4299 AS INTRODUCED 2-17-93

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide for the recovery of overpayments made to recipients of public assistance, including payments made to ineligible people. The Department of Social Services would have to take all necessary steps, including administrative or court action, to recover an overpayment. For overpayments made under federally-assisted programs, procedures would have to be consistent with federal law and regulations.

The department could waive recovery from a person who was no longer a recipient if the cost of the effort equalled or exceeded the amount of the overpayment, or if the error was made by the department. Except as prohibited by federal law or regulation, the department could waive recovery if it would cause undue hardship to the recipient, as determined by the department.

The bill would extend existing provisions on administrative hearings to apply to cases involving state, as well as federal, funds, and to delete language that makes decisions in these cases binding on each county or district department of social services involved.

The state department would report annually to the legislature on the cost effectiveness of overpayment recovery efforts.

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