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House Bill 5307 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

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CONTENT

Section 1b of the Social Welfare Act states that the Family Independence Agency (now known as the Department of Human Services) is not obligated to operate a program created under the Act unless funding is appropriated to support the program.

The bill would extend this provision to apply to any department. In particular, this provision would apply to the Department of Community Health (DCH), as the State's Medicaid program, operated by the DCH, is described in the Social Welfare Act. The specific intent of the legislation is to allow the State to discontinue funding for the Single Point of Entry (SPE) program, which was eliminated in Executive Order 2009-22. The SPE program is described in the Social Welfare Act, so passage of this legislation would make clear that the State is not obligated to continue supporting the program if there is no appropriation.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Single Point of Entry program was eliminated during FY 2008-09 and was not funded in FY 2009-10, nor is it expected to be funded in FY 2010-11. Therefore, passage of this bill simply would reinforce the elimination of funding for the program and there would be no fiscal impact.

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