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Senate Bill 711 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John Moolenaar
Committee: Families, Seniors, and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Lottery Act to require the Lottery Bureau to notify the Department of Human Services of the name of a prize winner and the amount of the prize. The notification would have to be made within seven days after the Bureau paid a prize of \$1,000 or more and would have to include other available identifying information regarding the prize winner.

Proposed MCL 432.32a

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase the responsibilities of the Lottery Bureau, as described above. There would be a substantial number of prizes to report. Data provided by the Lottery show that approximately 55,000 prizes over \$600 were awarded in 2010. There would be initial implementation costs for the Lottery and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop the data transfer system. The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget has estimated the system development costs at approximately \$100,000, which would be divided between the Lottery and the DHS. The ongoing costs of operating the system are not expected to be significant. Any increase in Lottery costs would reduce the Lottery distribution to the School Aid Fund. Information technology costs of the DHS are funded by a combination of Federal funds and General Fund revenue.

The Department of Human Services would be able to use the data to verify eligibility for financial and food assistance programs. (The estimated State fiscal impact from this proposed change is discussed in the Floor Summary of Senate Bill 712.)

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