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FISCAL NOTE

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S.280 - An act relating to the Advisory Council for Strengthening Families As Passed the Senate

The bill as passed the Senate replaces the Child Poverty Advisory Council, which expires in 2018, with *the Advisory Council for Strengthening Families*. The committee will consist of six representatives from the legislature (three members from each the House and Senate) who will be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for not more than six meetings. Other non-legislative members who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed can also receive per diem and compensation of expenses. However, historically, non-legislative members typically have not filed claims for meals, mileage or per diem costs. To the extent that they may in the future, it would be an additional un-budgeted cost to the legislative budget.

In building the legislative budget for 2019, costs associated with per diems and expenses related to the former Child Poverty Advisory Council for legislative members were already assumed in the budget since it was a committee that has existed for many years and budget writers were unaware that it was due to expire. To the extent non-legislative members file claims for per diems and/or travel reimbursements going forward, additional money would need to be built into the legislative budget to pay for these costs.

Budgeted: 6 legislative members X \$219 X 6 meetings = **\$7,884**

Non-Budgeted: 7 non-legislative members x \$122 x 6 meetings = **\$5,124**