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SB96 would prohibit the denial of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits based solely on an individual having a felony conviction for the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.

According to data provided from the Department of Social Services, over the past two fiscal years, there was an average of nine individuals per month denied or removed from TANF benefits due to a controlled substance related felony conviction. In FY2019, the average length of time a household with a parent received TANF benefits was about 5 months.

Assuming nine unique individuals will become eligible for TANF benefits each month, assuming an average household size of three, and assuming the household will receive TANF benefits for 5 months in a fiscal year, the fiscal impact of SB96 would be approximately \$35,100 per year.

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