

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
INDIGENT PERSONS BURIAL ACCOUNT (NEW)	\$181,000	\$181,000	\$181,000

Source of revenue increase:

The source of the revenue increase is a \$5.00 surcharge added to each copy of a death certificate requested from the Vital Statistics office of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

Assumptions:

On average, the WDH stipulates that about 36,200 death certificates are issued each year.

Over the past four years, DFS has expended an average of \$112,000 GENERAL FUND per year for indigent burial assistance. However, in its 2021 Supplemental Budget Request, DFS requested that its standard budget for the indigent burial program be eliminated from its budget. DFS retained \$123,000 of one-time GENERAL FUND to complete assistance reimbursements through July 1, 2021. If DFS' budget reduction and program elimination request is approved, it will no longer have a standard budget appropriation for this program. As current statute requires DFS to issue reimbursements for this program regardless of whether the program is funded, DFS has requested the Legislature modify statute in accordance with its budget reduction request to either eliminate the program or allow reimbursements only if the program is funded.

This bill makes indigent burial assistance subject to appropriation by the Legislature. If this bill is enacted into law, DFS or the State Treasurer's Office would require a specific appropriation from the INDIGENT PERSONS BURIAL ACCOUNT to continue administering indigent burial assistance as required by this bill.

NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

Department of Health

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