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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Welfare Reform - Termination of Benefits - Temporary State Employment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to provide certain
4 employment to certain individuals receiving temporary cash assistance under the
5 Family Investment Program under certain circumstances.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
8 Section 51
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)
11 (As enacted by Section 3 of Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
12 1996)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

16 51.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and in regulations adopted
18 by the Secretary, a local department may not pay temporary cash assistance to:

19 (1) A family that includes an adult who has received more than 60 months of
20 temporary cash assistance; or

21 (2) A family that includes an adult who:

22 (i) Has received more than 24 months of temporary cash assistance;

23 and

24 (ii) Who is not participating in a work activity.

25 (b) The Secretary shall establish a representative payee or a voucher program of
26 benefits for the minor children in a family that includes an adult who has received more
27 than 60 months of temporary cash assistance.

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1 (C) IN COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES, THE SECRETARY
2 SHALL PROVIDE TEMPORARY CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3 THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 13 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE TO
4 AN ADULT IN A FAMILY RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS
5 SUBTITLE IF THE ADULT:

6 (1) HAS PARTICIPATED IN A WORK ACTIVITY AS REQUIRED UNDER
7 THIS SUBTITLE AND HAS NOT OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT; AND

8 (2) IS INCLUDED IN A FAMILY THAT HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 24
9 MONTHS OF TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE AND IS SUBJECT TO TERMINATION OF
10 ITS TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

11 [(c)] (D) The provisions of this section are subject to federal law and regulation.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1998.