

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 445

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after the semicolon, insert “prohibiting the increase in the earned income disregard from increasing certain expenditures; requiring the Department of Human Resources to ensure that certain time limits on the receipt of cash assistance do not apply under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to monitor certain federal legislative and regulatory actions and to make certain certifications under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 7, after “repealing” insert “and reenacting, with amendments,”; strike lines 12 through 16 in their entirety; in line 21, strike the bracket; in line 26, strike “26%” and substitute “35%”; and in line 27, strike the bracket.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the increase in the earned income disregard provided by this Act may not increase State General Fund expenditures or expenditures from the reserve for future welfare costs in the Dedicated Purpose Fund.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to federal law and regulation, the Department of Human Resources shall ensure that, if a Family Investment Program recipient’s eligibility for cash assistance is extended as a result of this Act, the extended period of cash assistance is not subject to federal and State time limits on the receipt of cash assistance.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Human Resources shall monitor federal legislative and regulatory action under the federal Social Security Act and, if on

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or after July 1, 1999, amendments to the federal Social Security Act or regulations adopted under the federal Social Security Act subject the extended period of cash assistance resulting from this Act to federal time limits, the Secretary of Human Resources shall certify this fact to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform of the General Assembly. On the date of certification, this Act shall be null and void and of no force and effect. The Secretary of Human Resources shall send a copy of the certification to the Department of Legislative Services.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the Secretary of Human Resources determines that federal funding under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant has declined to the extent that an increase in State funds is necessary to fund this Act, the Secretary of Human Resources shall certify this fact to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform of the General Assembly. On the date of the certification, this Act shall be null and void and of no force and effect. The Secretary of Human Resources shall send a copy of the certification to the Department of Legislative Services.”;

and in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “6.”.